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Construction firm GPPC Inc. is demanding Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC to pay off its outstanding balance for the services they rendered in the construction of the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan.

GPPC to IPI: Pay us

GPPC's contract with IPI amounted to \$260,000 for electrical and mechanical work. Guam-based Pacific Rim took over from GPPC in February.

When sought for comments, an IPI representative said in a statement that they are currently working to settle all obligations. "The company is currently working on the settlement

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CITING INCONSISTENCIES WITH CONSTITUTION

Senate pot bill left to rot at House

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A Senate bill legalizing and regulating the use of cannabis in the CNMI was swatted after it did not garner sufficient support from the majority bloc to push the bill through the Legislature.

Citing a violation in the CNMI

» **House to introduce new pot bill**

Constitution that could not be reversed no matter the amendment, the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously voted to re-commit Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar's (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-62, SD1, HD3 to the House Judiciary and

Governmental Operations Committee, led by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC general counsel Phil Tydingco, left, and chief financial officer Ed Chen listen to the discussion in yesterday's Commonwealth Casino Commission meeting at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's VTC room.

Mt. Carmel valedictorian off to med school

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Billie Ryman Pensader Ocampo, the class valedictorian of Mt. Carmel School's Class of 2012, is off to fulfill his dream of becoming a physician someday.

Early last month, Ocampo moved

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Billie Ryman Pensador Ocampo, a Mt. Carmel High School alumnus, attends his first year of medical school that started last month at the prestigious John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii.

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'CW extension a double-edged sword'

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Former governor Juan N. Babauta likens the new law that extends the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program beyond 2019 and increases the CW cap limits for the fiscal year to a double-edged sword.

On one hand, the CW extension bill does temporarily resolves the workforce shortage in the CNMI, he said. On the other hand,

the new law also immediately reduces the number of foreign workers.

The law does that by reducing the number of CW workers in the first year by 500 and does that for four years.



Babauta

"That is the concern that was raised by the business community leaders as well as the small industries here in the CNMI," said Babauta yesterday in an interview shortly before he and Dr. Rita A. Sablan filed their candidacies as independent for gov-

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CUC to open chlorine storage facility

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on Friday will open its bulk chlorine storage facility in Lower Base, with the ribbon cutting ceremony starting at 10am. Construction of the facility began on Feb. 3, 2017, and the substantial completion date was April 6 this year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funded the project, with a total grant money of \$1,771,871.56. The final

construction cost of the facility, supervised by CUC project manager Birhen Martinez, amounted to \$1,051,519.51.

The facility would secure and store CUC's chlorine gas cylinders, which would improve operation and maintenance of its disinfection program for chlorine storage.

CUC stipulated order No. 1 requires a 90-day chlorine inventory for the CNMI's three main islands: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Building the facility was part of the SO, in order to

safely store chlorine cylinders.

"Chlorine gas is dangerous and having a properly designed storage facility ensures the public that during a gas leak, all safety features and appurtenances are in place," as stated on CUC's project highlights.

CUC, EPA, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's cooperation resulted in the design of the project. The project design was also followed in the specifications and recommendations made by EPA, based on the Process Hazard Analysis, Risk

Management Plan, and Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

The facility is also designed to keep its workers and the surrounding areas safe through the installation of emergency gas scrubbers, mechanical duct and dampers, and an alarm system and sensors in case of an accidental discharge of chlorine gas.

CUC also installed an emergency generator inside the facility to provide back-up power in the event of power interruption and ensure continuous operation.

CUC has also listed the fol-

lowing benefits of the facility: proper chlorine gas handling and storage facility are beneficial for the safety of [their] personnel, [the] public, and the environment; Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will have adequate inventory of chlo-

rine gas for water treatment; complies with SO No. 1; and meets all safety requirements.

GHD Inc. designed the facility with RNV Construction as the contractor. Hofschneider Engineering inspected the project before the opening.

San Nicolas vows to fight DUI citation

Former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Eric Henry Cruz San Nicolas vows to fight in court his citation for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol.

San Nicolas gave the statement yesterday as he filed his candidacy as an independent candidate for a Tinian Senate seat.

San Nicolas was among the four Tinian independent candidates who trooped to the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe yesterday morning to submit their petitions for nomination for Senate and

House of Representatives seats.

When asked for comments about his arrest for DUI on Saipan last Saturday, San Nicolas said like any other case he is innocent until proven guilty.

"Believe me, I'm ready," he said, stressing that he will fight the DUI citation in court because he was not under the influence.

On the theft call, he said the woman who filed the complaint informed the Department of Public Safety that she has no intention of filing anything.

San Nicolas said DPS, however, informed the woman that

no matter what she says, if she does not want to, they will file the complaint.

"It is interesting that by the time I got out, everybody knew about it. But I am going to fight it," he said.

DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae had stated that a woman called DPS last Saturday about a theft incident, but when officers arrived at the scene, San Nicolas was not there.

Rae said San Nicolas returned a short time later and returned the items to the woman.

Rae said police officers,

however, cited San Nicolas with DUI at that time.

The DPS spokesperson said the incident happened in Kolblerville at 1:23am.

As for his candidacy, San Nicolas said the people of Tinian can look at the state of the island's economy for the last 20 years and are aware that they have not progressed.

"There is no economy that is coming out right now. A lot of challenges, a lot of misuse of public funds have been going on for years," he said.

San Nicolas said that voters now have an option to elect candidates who can fight for them. *(Ferdie De La Torre)*

Disability Sports Festival reset to Aug. 10-11

The CNMI's first-ever Disability Sports Festival has been reset to Aug. 10 and 11 at the Marianas High School after being postponed due to the threat of Tropical Storm Maria last month.

Rotary Club of Saipan president Greg Borja invited everyone to attend the event, which starts at 9:30am and ends at 4pm on both days.

The sportsfest was originally scheduled to take place last July 6 to July 7, but was postponed because of the risky weather that transpired that same week.

Borja said some 70 people registered for the Disability Sports Festival—nine representing Rota, nine from Tinian, and the rest residing on Saipan.

Rotarians, in partnership with Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, will stage one of the disability games known as

Boccia. It is a precision ball sport adapted from Bocce but for people that use wheelchairs.

The other three activities are sitting volleyball, outrigger, and adjustable softball.

On Aug. 10, four groups will be divided to play their desired sport. After an hour and 10 minutes, each group will switch on a rotating basis to try a new sport.

As for Aug. 11, Borja said it is the person's choice to play a certain sports activity.

The Office of Grants Management reimbursed \$70,000 to the Public School System back in April in order to promote accessible sports to students with disabilities.

Borja said he plans to hold the Disability Sports Festival again in March during the annual Development Disabilities Awareness Month. *(Fahim Uddin)*

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Victim objects to closing case vs burglary suspects

An alleged victim of a burglary, who was choked by one of two suspects, has sought help from Attorney General Edward Manibusan and chief prosecutor Michele Harris over a prosecutor's alleged move to "close the case easily."

The complainant, a Korean male, wrote Manibusan and Harris last week, asking them to look into the case against Joaquin Reyes Crisostomo and Waedynne Cepeda Maratita.

Crisostomo and Maratita were arrested in February 2017 for burglary, assault, assault and battery, resisting arrest, and disturbing the peace.

Harris said Friday that the case against Crisostomo and Maratita is still pending in court.

"We represent the interest of the Commonwealth in all matters. And we have to assess all evidence to make a determination of what we can prove before we go forward on all charges," Harris said.

According to the complainant, the two suspects burglarized his house on Saipan and took several items from him on Feb. 17, 2017. He said police officers found the stolen items in the trunk of the suspects' car. He said one suspect even choked him.

The complainant now claims that the case's prosecutor (not Harris) is dropping the case. He also accused the prosecutor of hiding key evidence to close the matter easily.

"This is not justice, not a righteous, appropriate way of a prosecutor," he said, adding that he received a message last week from the prosecutor, telling him about a possibility that the case may not proceed to trial.

The complainant said the prosecutor is perhaps overwhelmed by the strategy and tactics of the defense lawyer.

According to a police report, Crisostomo and Maratita broke into a house on Capital Hill after the couple left the residence, leaving their minor daughter behind.

The girl was shocked and frightened upon seeing a woman, later identified as Maratita, holding a metal object and telling her not to move.

When Maratita left the house, the girl grabbed a knife from the kitchen and called her parents. The girl's father immediately went back and saw the suspects' car. The father blocked the car with his vehicle. The father struggled with Crisostomo. Police officers arrived and secured Crisostomo. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Same fuel adjustment charge this month

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The Fuel Adjustment Charge will remain for the month of August despite a slight drop from the monthly pricing provided by Mean of Platts Singapore as stated by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. The current FAC, which CUC increased last June due to rising fuel prices in the international market, was at \$0.22317 per kilowatt-hour.

The slight drop on MOPS'

price, as notified by Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc., is not equal to or exceeding 4.5 percent on the fuel's average per gallon cost.

"CUC is required, pursuant to an order previously issued by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, to adjust [up or down] the FAC pass-through rate when MOPS' monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the current FAC rate," said

CUC in a statement.

This is the second straight month that the FAC remains the same, since CUC increased the rate from \$0.20109 per kWh to \$0.22317 on June 1 this year.

The base rate, aside from FAC, is the other component that CUC uses for its electric kWh rate. CUC has not increased its base rate—used to fund its operations, projects, and debt services—since April 17, 2014.

CUC first used the Lev-

elized Energy Adjustment Clause in 2009 in order to recover its fuel and other related costs. Power providers in Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands also used the same system.

CPUC, in May 2015, authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC in order to give its customers a more accurate description of its rate.

In other news, CUC is informing the public to watch out for an offensive odor near Agingan Point due to the Agingan Wastewater Treatment

Plant experiencing mechanical failure on its major component called clarifier on one of its acration basins.

"This [clarifier] is a key component for removing the suspended solids from treated the wastewater collected from the nearby communities," said CUC in a separate statement.

CUC said the surrounding area near the wastewater treatment facility may experience mild to severe offensive

odor in the next three weeks that started yesterday. "These odors should only be noticeable around and nearby the Agingan Point area."

"The odors are a result of excessive holding times of solids in the clarifier basin. The CUC Wastewater Division is in the process of emptying the clarifier basin to determine the extent of damages and repairs that will be needed," added the statement.

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ernor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

U.S. President J. Trump signed the CW bill into law last week.

The former governor pointed out that, based on the new law, after four years, it would reduce the number of CW workers by 1,000 a year until it reaches zero by 2029.

"So immediately, the first year, it will begin to send back CW workers to their country of origin. If that CW worker happens to have a family here, the double-edged sword I'm talking about is that it also begins to tear families apart," he said.

Babauta said he does not know if the CNMI has another

chance at another CW extension like this one.

He said what the CNMI needs to do immediately is to sit down and begin to address a long-term local citizen workforce before 2029.

One of the ways to do that is to support fully the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, he said.

"They have been longing and reaching out for help and Dr. Sablan and I are going to extend our hand out to help NMTI develop into an institution," Babauta said.

The former governor said the CNMI also must work with U.S. Congress on possible new legislation or amendment just in case there is a need to address this issue by legislation if the Commonwealth is not prepared by 2029.

GPPC

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payment with GPPC and other vendors following the completion of its ongoing routine evaluation of all of its service providers, including the aforementioned vendor(s)."

Pacific Rim, whose owner, Keith Stewart, had promised to complete 250 rooms at Imperial Pacific Resort by August, placed its employees at the construction site on "temporary leave" late last month as they renegotiate their contract with the lone casino operator on Saipan.

GPPC consultant John Reyes informed the Commonwealth Casino Commission of IPI's

alleged obligation during yesterday's meeting at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's VTC room. He asked the commission for help in having IPI settle its obligations with them.

"We tried to reach out to them, if there is a way that we could get our money because we also have employees to pay. In the contract between GPPC and IPI, there are rules there that we must get paid. We have not been paid since February this year," said Reyes during the public comment portion of the meeting.

"Again, we have employees to pay and that's what we're only asking. I'm submitting our invoice for application for payment for the record. All we are asking, since we have a con-

tract, is for them to pay us."

Commission chair Juan Sablan said they are going to look into the matter and discuss the issue further in executive session, while commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero wants to know the total amount IPI owes GPPC.

"We wanted to know how much is the total amount [IPI owes] and what are the efforts made [by GPPC] for them to get paid. We will discuss this with [IPI's] chief financial officer, on the status of this issue," added Deleon Guerrero.

Reyes, in a separate interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, said that IPI was on time with their first two payments but missed their third, fourth, and fifth payments.

SENATE

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(R-Saipan) to never see the light of day again.

Last Monday during a House session, the question raised on S.B. 20-62 was whether or not it was revenue-generating, which would have made it illegal to originate from the Senate since only the House, according to the CNMI Constitution, could come up with bills that generate revenue.

The JGO committee, led by Blanco, attempted to correct that by omitting each and every provision in the bill that generated revenue—including licensing fees for vendors and special taxations for cannabis cultivation.

However, Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan), questioned the legal counsel for the House yesterday in their continuation of the Monday session if the S.B. 20-62 coming out of the Senate was a revenue-generating bill.

The legal counsel confirmed that such was the case, making the bill a revenue-generating bill right from the get-go. The legal counsel further concluded that S.B. 20-62 ceased to be a revenue-generating bill only after the JGO amended it.

With the new perception on

the constitutionality of the bill, the House ultimately decided to shelve S.B. 20-62 and introduce a House version of the cannabis bill.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) is expected to file the new bill.

During discussions, Deleon Guerrero also amended the bill to omit language allowing cannabis commissioners and the executive director to serve with a criminal record. Only traffic violations are exempted from the provision.

Blanco also amended the bill to omit a \$5 fee for annual registration cards, which is also considered as revenue.

Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) in a conversation with *Saipan Tribune* noted that if S.B. 20-62 were to pass today, it would eventually come back to bite them because of its constitutionality. He further questioned on the floor who would be paying for the salaries of the cannabis commissioners and executive director since the bill would not be generating revenue.

Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan) further noted that passing the bill in haste would have left the cannabis market legal, but still unregulated since licensing fees would be free. Sablan added having cannabis unregulated was inconsistent with the intent of the bill, which was to regulate and

legalize cannabis.

Rep. Donald Barcinas (R-Saipan) further noted several inconsistencies with the intent of the bill and its contents.

S.B. 20-62 explicitly states that it seeks to allow the "creation of jobs and the capturing of a new revenue stream that can be used to fund public safety programs, public school infrastructure and programs, supporting the retirement fund, and other government and social programs," among many others.

Citing the findings and intent of the bill, Barcinas believes that it is inconsistent with the bill's contents, which did not impose fees and collect taxes for government program funding.

Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) concurred with Barcinas, while vice speaker Janet Maratita (R-Saipan), Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Glenn Maratita (R-Rota), and several other representatives expressed their opposition to the bill both during the session and out of session.

All the representatives noted, however, that they were not opposing the bill for attempting to legalize and regulate cannabis, but rather opposed the bill for its unconstitutionality.

"I would support [cannabis] legalization legislation if it is

constitutional and...provided that it is stringently regulated and that revenues from such would translate to funding opportunities for healthcare, public safety, and education," Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune*.

House pot bill filed

Deleon Guerrero in an interview stated that the only way to have the legalization of cannabis comply with the CNMI Constitution was to reintroduce a House version of the bill.

"...Just the mere fact that it originated in the Senate in a form that included revenue generation was unconstitutional in itself," he said. "There was no way around that."

At around 4:15pm yesterday, Deleon Guerrero confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that he successfully filed the House version of the bill.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the House pushed for the passage of the bill despite questions of its constitutionality due to pressure from the public to pass the bill. He added that seeing that there was a lot of "support from the community" and "pressure on the members to pass it."

"We [have to pass legislation] within the confines of our constitutional authority, and there was no way—based on discussions held—of getting around that," he said.

MT. CARMEL

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from Saipan to Hawaii to start school at the prestigious John A. Burns School of Medicine at University of Hawaii, ranked as one of the top 20 medical schools in the United States.

"I hope to spend the next four years leaning the art and science of medicine, with humility and acknowledgement of the immense privilege that I hold being here," Ocampo said in his social media page. "I hope to become a physician who is compassionate and who reflects the spirits of *aloha* and *inafa' maolek*," he added.

Inafa' maolek is the Chamorro term for "restoring 'harmony' or 'order.'"

Ocampo finished his Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology in 2016 at the University of Washington, with cum laude honors. He came back to Saipan and worked at the FHP Clinic, Medical Associates of the Pacific under the mentorship of Dra. Norma Ada, and at the CNMI community hospital, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

He is also the first recipient of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Professional Student Exchange Program on Saipan that enables him to enroll in selected out-of-state profes-

sional health care programs and pay reduced tuition.

"It was definitely not easy getting to this point but I would not be here without the guidance of my mentors—practicing physicians who have allowed me to pry into their examination and operating rooms, researchers who have allowed me to meddle in their projects, and my peers," he said. "I would not be here without the support of my family and friends, especially my mother who has [stayed with me] through some of the most trying times."

Last July 20, Ocampo, together with the other students at John A. Burns School of Medicine, had their white coat ceremony, a tradition where the medical school welcomes first year students as colleagues dedicated to patient care. The "white coat" is a symbol of clinical service and care.

Ocampo shares his success with his peers who, like him, are dedicated to the betterment of the Marianas. "To the bright group of young men and women who continue to inspire me with their love and dedication to our islands, I know the Marianas is in good hands with the waves that you will make," he said. "...During the most difficult nights, I will remember why I do what I do and the island that I have been lucky to call home for 24 years," he added.

"Biba Marianas!"

IN DISPUTE OVER ASSESSMENT OF USER FEES

CPA: Court has no jurisdiction over Star Marianas' claim

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Saying the claim of breach of contract does not belong to the District Court, the Commonwealth Ports Authority wants dismissed Star Marianas Air Inc.'s lawsuit against CPA over their dispute on user fees.

Star Marianas alleges that CPA breached the Airline Use Agreement or AUA, and Lease of Premises by violating federal laws.

The AUA, which Star Marianas Air executed in April 2009, details the charges and fees that the airline company agreed to pay CPA.

CPA lawyer Robert T. Torres pointed out, though, that the only federal laws Star Marianas cites are the Airport and Airway Improvement Act and the Anti Head Tax Act—and neither of these federal laws confer a private right of action.

Torres said Star Marianas alleges the Airline Deregulation Act confers federal jurisdiction, but the very authority the company cites contains an exception for an airport's proprietary powers.

"Stripped of these wisps of federal jurisdiction, Star Marianas' second amended complaint is a plain vanilla breach of contract dispute between the CNMI entities, which does not belong before this court," the lawyer pointed out.

He added that this dispute is already with the Federal Aviation Administration, which has primary jurisdiction over the matter, and that this is where Star Marianas' claims should remain.

In its lawsuit originally filed last year, Star Marianas sued CPA and five unnamed co-defendants for breach of contract, violation of the Anti-Head Tax, and for unreasonable user fees.

Star Marianas, through Timothy H. Bellas, wants CPA held liable for damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Star Marianas entered an agreement with CPA, in 2009 to lease and use areas of the commuter terminals on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. CPA controls and operates the airports in the CNMI. Part of the agreement required Star Marianas to pay a departure facility charge, international arrival facility charge, and in-transit passenger service charge.

In its lawsuit, Bellas argued

that the charges calculated on a per-passenger basis violate the AHTA.

Under the AHTA, a state actor "may not levy or collect a tax, fee, head charge, or other charge" on individuals traveling in air commerce.

CPA then moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

Last June, the District Court federal court granted CPA's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that Star Marianas is re-

quired to exhaust its administrative remedies and the Anti-Head Tax Act claim must be dismissed.

Tydingco-Gatewood, however, also granted Star Marianas' request to amend its breach of contract claim.

Following Tydingco-Gatewood's dismissal order, Star Marianas filed a second amended complaint against CPA claiming breach of contract.

Star Marianas alleges CPA has breached the Airline Use Agreement by charging rates that are in violation of its obligation to charge reasonable rates under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act.

In CPA's motion to dismiss Star Marianas' second complaint, Torres said the weight of persuasive authority establishes that the Airport and Airway Improvement Act does not provide for a private right of action.

Torres said the Anti-Head Tax Act also does not provide a right of action.

He said there is no jurisdiction under the federal preemption provision of the Airline Deregulation Act because this statute does not apply to an airport sponsor's proprietary powers.

Torres added that the Federal Aviation Administration has primary jurisdiction over Star Marianas' claims.

UOG links to the global network to accelerate sustainability solutions

The University of Guam is the newest member of the Global Consortium for Sustainability Outcomes, an invitation-only international network of universities and research institutes advancing solutions to sustainability challenges through research, development, and capacity building.

"This is huge," said Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, UOG's senior vice president for Academic Affairs. "Being part of GCSO will bring a lot of possibilities and funding opportunities to improve sustainability on our island while also contributing evidence-based research to sustainability solutions worldwide."

Enriquez led a UOG delegation to Arizona State University in February that resulted in the invitation to join.

The delegation shared UOG's sustainability initiatives with ASU president Michael M. Crow, who has committed ASU to sustainability and also provides ASU staff to support GCSO. Crow subsequently decided to invest in the UOG Center for Island Sustainability and have ASU sponsor half of its GCSO membership dues for the first year. Hundred percent of dues are returned to members to execute projects.

"UOG's niche focus on island sustainability will bring unique value to the consortium's research portfolio, in addition to its wider reach to global sustainability partners," Enriquez said.

The consortium was particularly interested in UOG as an island institution, since islands often experience sustainability issues first, to include climate change impacts and resource

depletion, said Dr. Austin Shelton, executive director for CIS. Shelton will serve as UOG's representative in the 12-member network.

As part of the consortium, CIS will interact regularly with GCSO's other international member institutions and high-caliber researchers to develop competitive funding proposals and implement sustainability solutions.

"CIS has become a focal institute for adapting and modeling sustainable technologies to move our island region toward a sustainable future," Shelton said. "Now that we're part of this international network, it greatly expands our capability to accomplish that."

CIS already conducts solutions-oriented research. One ongoing project at CIS is the GROW initiative, or Guam Restoration of Watersheds, which Shelton said is preparing to use drones to drop seeds of native plants on mountains in need of reforestation to reduce erosion and improve the health of downstream coral reefs.

"GCSO is interested in funding projects like these that are actually implementing solutions," he said.

GCSO generates and tests a wide range of sustainability solutions that include technologies, policies, economic incentives, social change, and cultural practices.

Other member institutions of GCSO include Arizona State University and Portland State University as well as universities and colleges in Hong Kong, Thailand, Mexico, Germany, and the United Kingdom. (UOG)

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LGBT celebrates Gay Pride at GIG

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The CNMI's LGBT community celebrated its first ever Gay Pride event last Sun-

day night at the GIG Discotheque in Garapan. About 60 people attended.

Event organizer Sharmaine Casquero, who described the event a success,

thanked all the attendees, performers, supporters, and donors of the show.

"The celebration brought laughter and good times to each and everyone. It was also

a celebration of individuality and uniqueness of who you are," she said.

Casquero hopes for a bigger celebration next year and that more CNMI community

members will attend to show their support for the islands' LGBT community.

The highlight of the event was the performance of the group Paper Dolls, who gave an entertaining drag show. Members of the Paper Dolls are Nesty, Nhemie, Joanne, Jolly, Noel, J.D., Rica, and Patrick.

Fifteen members from the Saipan Music and Dance

Studio also gave the opening act. The dance group will be representing the CNMI at an international competition in Phoenix, Arizona. It will be their second time to compete at the event; the first one was in 2016.

Division of Public Health John Dax Moreno also gave a short message about health concerns of the LGBT community.

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Members of the Paper Dolls have a group photo before the show.
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Karidat re-opens

Karidat Social Center is open for business once again.

In a statement Monday, it said that it has received its permits and the telephone lines are in.

"We would like to thank everyone for their patience

during our move to our new office," the statement added.

Karidat is now located at the Sister Remedios Community Center, the former Sister Remedios Pre-School building on Chalan Kanoa Drive, in Chalan Kanoa Village. Its telephone number is 234-6981. (PR)



NOTICE OF INACTIVE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The following Checking Accounts have been inactive with BankPacific for at least six months. The account owner should immediately contact the BankPacific Saipan Branch, Garapan at (670) 233-4752. The funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasurer during the month of October 2018 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69). After such transfer, all inquiries pertaining to the account should be directed to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

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Ex-governor Babauta, Sablan file candidacies

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Former governor Juan N. Babauta and former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan are now officially candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Babauta and Sablan filed their candidacies as independent candidates before the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday morning.

"It is now official," an-

» 10 Saipan, Tinian independent candidates, 1 Democratic also file candidacies

nounced Babauta after he completed the filing, drawing cheers from several family members, supporters, and other independent candidates.

Democratic Party chair Daniel Quitugua and its officials were also present to show their support to the Babauta-Sablan team. Former governor Carlos Camacho also showed up.

Babauta and Sablan are challenging incumbent Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), of the NMI Republican Party, for the top CNMI positions. Torres and Palacios have yet to file their candidacies.

Six other independent Saipan candidates, four independent Tinian candidates, and one Democratic Party bet also filed their candidacies yesterday morning.

For Saipan, former lawmaker Heinz Sablan Hofschneider files his candidacy for the Senate; former representative Stanley Tudela McGinnis Torres files his candidacy for Precinct 3 of the House of Representatives; Joseph Muna Mendiola is running for Precinct 5; Vicente Castro Camacho is running for Precinct 3; Dorotheo Anthony Kisa is running for Precinct 1; and David Castro Sablan is running for Precinct 3.

Peter Francisco Reyes Muna, of the Democratic Party, filed his candidacy for Precinct 5. He is the second Democratic Party member to file candidacy so far.

For Tinian, former senator Henry Hofschneider San Nicolas filed his candidacy for Tinian mayor. Juanita Masga Mendiola and Eric Henry Cruz San Nicolas filed their candidacies for Senate. Frederick Arend Dela Cruz filed his candidacy for House.

Babauta served as the sixth elected governor of the



Former governor Juan N. Babauta and former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan pose for a group photo with supporters, family members, independent candidates, and a Democratic Party candidate and officials outside the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe yesterday morning.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

CNMI for one term, from 2002 to 2006. He sought re-election under the Republican Party in 2005, but was defeated by Benigno R. Fi-

tial of the Covenant Party.

In 2014, Babauta, with former senator Juan Torres as his running mate, ran for governor as an independent. The late

governor Eloy S. Inos won.

Babauta served as resident representative of the NMI in Washington, D.C. for three four-year terms, from 1990

to 2002.

Sablan retired in 2016 after eight years as education commissioner. She was the recipient of the Peter Brice Award in

July 2016. The award is given to the top educator in the Pacific region in honor of New Zealand's late Minister of Education.



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New poetry book now available

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council wishes to announce the publication of *Microchildren*, a collection of 53 original poems composed by student authors from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These poems represent the

winning entries (first to third places) in the Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition, an annual CNMI-wide event established by the NMHC in 2004. The NMHC named the competition in honor of the late Palauan author and long-

time Saipan resident Valentine N. Sengebau, who composed dozens of poems on culture and identity in the 1970s. In 2004, the NMHC published Sengebau's poetry in a volume titled *Microchild* to ensure that his literary works




Microchildren, a collection of 53 original poems composed by student authors from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. NMHC would be available to future generations. That same year, the NMHC established the Sengebau Poetry Competition to strengthen the literary skills of young

writers in the CNMI. The competition has two divisions: a junior division for 7th and 8th graders and a senior division open to students in 9th to 12th grades. The competition is held each year in October. The top-placing poems in *Microchildren* are from the competition's first decade from 2004 to 2013. The volume has a foreword written by student competitor Olivia Hirsh and is illustrated with original images produced by local artist Peter Aldan, who is known for his striking graphic prints. The NMHC will distribute copies of *Microchildren* to school and public libraries throughout the CNMI. Additionally, the book is available for \$10 at the NMHC's office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. Contact NMHC staff at 235-4785 for more information. (PR)


SVES sets open house San Vicente Elementary School will have an open house on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, from 5pm to 6pm, in your child's classroom. All new and ongoing SVES students and parents should attend to meet with your child's teacher and learn about the expectations set for the school year for both student and parent. We are still accepting registrations for new and ongoing students. If parents have not registered their child yet, we encourage parents to do so as soon as possible to ensure they are placed on the roster on the first day of school, which is Aug. 15. For more information, contact the main office at 664-3981 or visit our Facebook Page @SvsCanaries. (PR)

SHRM Guam conference on Sept. 7

Human resources practitioners in the CNMI are invited to join the Society of Human Resource Management Guam annual conference on Sept. 7, 2018, at the Dusit Thani Resort Guam's Royal Ballroom. SHRM president and CEO Johnny C. Taylor and keynote speaker Dan Dorr will speak upon the theme for this year, which is "Engagement." Taylor will discuss topics related to engaging with your workforce and how cultivating your own workforce is the future of human resources. Also, partners from Indeed.com will share the recruiting progression of the future and the science of attraction serving as a basis of engaging your workforce. Near the end, Dorr will lead the discussion on finding how leadership credibility and self-awareness as factors of leadership success. Registration ends on Aug. 31 and the fee is \$75. To register and learn more information, visit guam.shrm.org. (Fahim Uddin)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-18-019

Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-18-019 – Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.


This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.


CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works



2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-18-IFB-020

KOBLERVILLE YOUTH LEARNING CENTER BUILDING EXPANSION

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Koblerville Youth Learning Center Building Expansion**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 25, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 21, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-18-IFB-020"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time August 27, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, August 27, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 27, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 5, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 7, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on August 27, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
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- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
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- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Donations sought for back-to-school gear

It may seem obvious but students heading back to school need supplies. Yet the cost of school supplies tends to increase as students progress through school. The need for school supplies puts pressure on low-income families, where limited income and resources must be utilized for more important necessities like shelter, utilities, and transportation.

In the CNMI, during school year 2013-2014, more than 6,500 students were low income and qualified for the free school lunch program. Fortunately, this year, the Public School System will provide free lunches at the public schools to all students so that poor families no longer need to apply for

this help. But the number of needy students in the CNMI is staggering.

How do low-income parents provide school supplies for their children? This is a pressing problem that effects the most vulnerable populations among us—children. A common solution among communities everywhere is the school-supply drive. This year, as in the past, the Marianas office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is sponsoring a Back-to-School Project. We distribute backpacks with school supplies to needy children. Our backpacks typically include a binder, filler paper, folder, notebook, composition book, pencil case, pencils, pens, eraser, sharpener. When



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This year, as in the past, the Marianas office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is sponsoring a Back-to-School Project. We distribute backpacks with school supplies to needy children.

available, we try to add additional items: For elementary school students, crayons, construction paper, scissors, ruler and glue; for middle school students, index cards, scotch tape, compass/protractor sets, graph paper and highlighter; for high school students, page protectors, white-out/correction tape, white/Xerox paper, colored pencils, and highlighter.

Anyone in the community can help by donating new school supplies, or contributing money to the project at P.O. Box 500826, Saipan, MP 96950, or dropping by the MLSC office at the VS Sablan building in Chalan Piao. Call for more information at 234-7729 or 234-6243. **(PR)**

DORMANT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The Dormant Deposit Accounts listed below are currently held at the Bank of Saipan and have been inactive. If you believe you have a claim to any of these accounts, please make your claim at the Chalan Kanoa, Garapan, Tinian or Rota Branch of Bank of Saipan before October 1, 2018.

Pursuant to Public Law 18-69, any unclaimed deposits remaining from this list after October 1, 2018 will be paid to the "CNMI TREASURER" and delivered to the Department of Commerce, Banking Division. Therefore, any claims made after October 1, 2018 must be made at the CNMI Department of Commerce, Banking Division.

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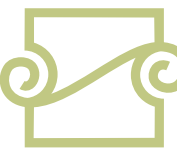
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Economics 101, from a talking bean

Who'd have thought Americans could learn something useful from official Chinese propaganda—let alone from a cartoon bean? A new video by a Chinese government media outlet features an English-speaking cartoon soybean explaining why the trade war started by President Donald Trump is bad for Americans.

The scariest part? That talking bean makes a lot more sense on trade than the president does.

Trump on July 6 imposed \$34 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese imports to the United States. There have been legitimate concerns about China's trade practices. But as with immigration, foreign policy and other areas, Trump is more interested in chest-thumping than problem-solving, and as a result he's made the problems worse. To the surprise of no one, China retaliated against Trump's tariffs with the same tariff level on American products going there, including soybeans.

Trump is now pondering \$200 billion more in potential new tariffs against China. We are living the very definition of a trade war.

One of China's weapons in that war is a cartoon video posted in mid-July on the website of China Global Television Network, part of state-owned China Central Television. The 2-minute video, in English with Chinese subtitles, features a cheerful yellow soybean who explains the properties and uses of soybeans while colorful illustrations swirl around him. (The renditions of Trump are priceless.) Then he explains the economic realities of the trade war.

"Most of the U.S.'s soybean exports—62 percent—go to China," notes the bean. "More expensive soy could mean that China will look to other sources for the bulk of its imports. ... Brazil and Argentina could pick up the slack. If that happens, soybean farmers in the U.S. could take an even greater hit."

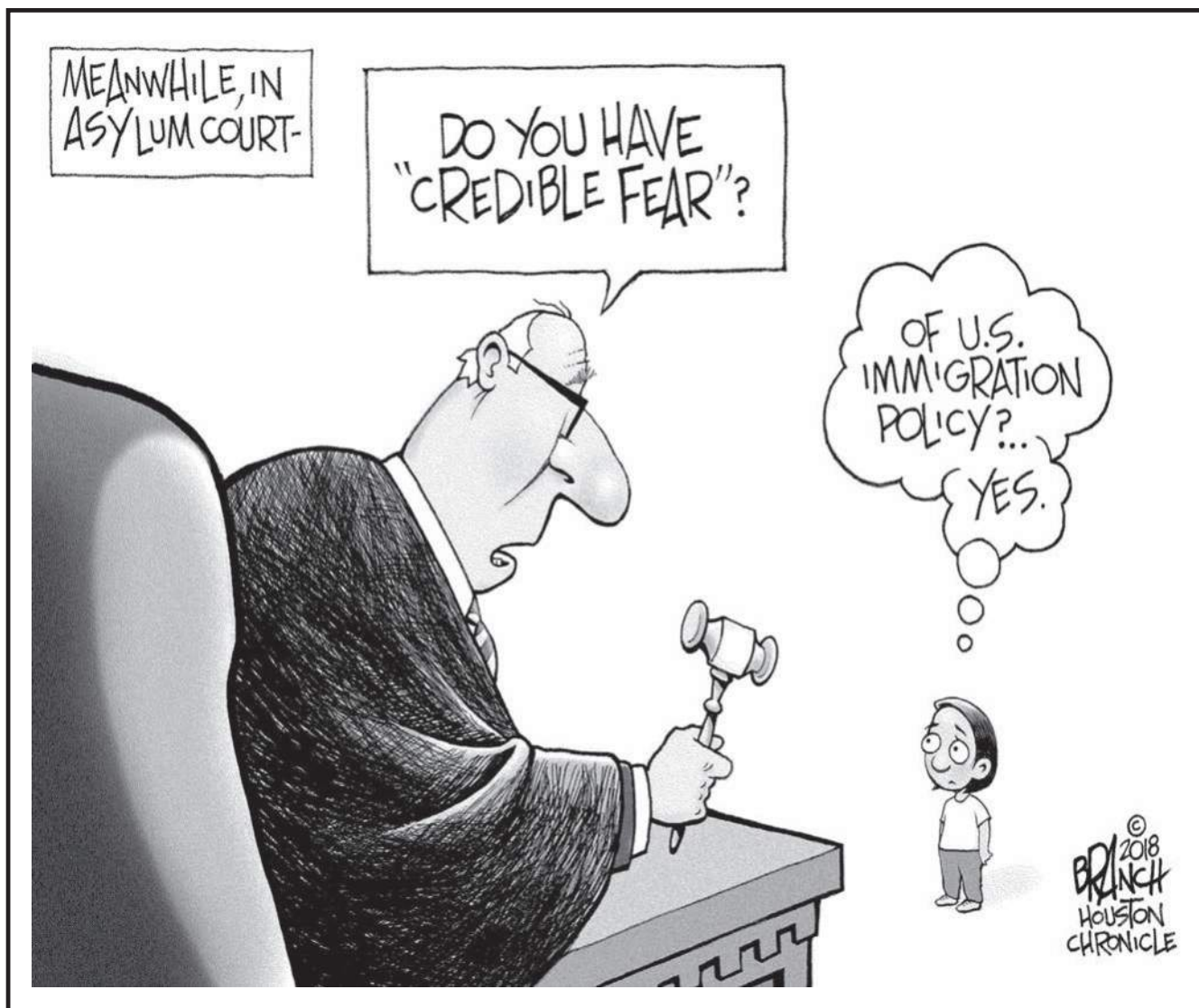
Yes, the bean is getting a little threatening there. Then he delves, astutely, into the nuances of American electoral politics, suggesting that Trump has launched this trade war to whip up his base in advance of the midterm elections.

"But the funny thing is that those voters whom Trump thinks will rally behind his trade actions will be hurt by this conflict," the bean explains. "That's because China's retaliatory response in raising tariffs on soybeans will affect the top 10 soybean-producing states in the U.S. Nine of them supported Trump in the 2016 presidential elections."

The bean then asks, ominously: "Will voters there turn out to support Trump and the Republicans once they get hit in the pocketbooks?"

Good question. Here's another one: What does it say when a communist propaganda cartoon provides a more accurate assessment of the economic and political ramifications of this unnecessary trade war than anything coming out of the White House?

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Government labor statistics miss the big picture

Earlier this summer, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics released the results of its first Contingent Worker Survey since 2005. With all the talk these days about the gig economy, observers thought the survey would reveal a sharp rise. Recent estimates done by worker groups and corporate think tanks—like those by Upwork and the Freelancers Union, or by McKinsey & Co.—suggested that the number could be 30 percent to 40 percent of the workforce.

So pundits, myself included, were shocked that the bureau reported that the share of contingent workers in the labor market fell from 10.7 percent to 10.1 percent. What gives? In 2005, Uber didn't exist, and now it claims to have 3 million drivers. Where are all the Uber drivers, let alone the Task Rabbits and the Upworkers?

The answer lies in how we define our terms. There is no consensus on who qualifies as a contingent worker, and that's one reason the bureau is still missing the big picture on how increasingly insecure American workers are in their jobs.

The phrase "contingent worker" was coined in 1985 by Audrey Freedman. She'd been a supervising economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics and had seen as clearly as anyone how the postwar world of secure, steady jobs was disappearing. The term then caught on among the academic set, which also were observing this fundamental change.

The trick to measuring the impact of this shift was clearly defining "contingent work."

Defining the contingent workforce negatively—that is, not normal 9-to-5 weekly paycheck jobs—wouldn't do. Good definitions are positive, but that was harder.

Contingent work, as Freedman used the term, meant any kind of "conditional and transitory employment." Under her definition, a case could be made for including part-timers, temps, freelancers, small-business owners, consultants, migrant farm workers—and any number of other kinds of work that did not fit into the postwar corporate model. That was too broad for the bureau, however. Into the late 1980s, Bureau of Labor Statistics economists like Anne Polivka and Thomas Nardone wrestled with

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how to define the term, lamenting that "the lack of an established definition" made measurement impossible.

Finally, the bureau advanced a definition based on the expectation of job security: If you didn't have a future in your current job, you were a contingent worker.

Not until 1995 did the bureau conduct the first serious survey of contingent workers in the United States as part of its Current Population Survey, which examines tens of thousands of households.

The bureau asked individuals how long a job would last. The person's job was categorized as contingent if "the person was working only until the completion of a specific project, temporarily replacing another worker, being hired for a fixed period, filling a seasonal job ... or if other business conditions dictated that the job was short term." Equally important, if the worker seemed to choose short-term work, they were not really "contingent." (This is how a later bureau study could contain the paradoxical phrase: "only 24 percent of temps were contingent.")

The headline numbers in 1995 were low—between 3 million and 6 million Americans, or about 1 percent of the workforce.

Contingent worker? What contingent worker?

But that same year, using the same data, if you included all independent contractors (8.3 million), on-call workers (2.0 million) and temps (1.8 million), you could also say the contingent workforce was 12.1 million, or 10 percent of the workforce.

The fundamental error, to my thinking, was suggesting that individual choice was driving this shift in employment. If the only jobs available were short-term, then of course people "chose" to take the only work to be found.

By focusing on individuals, the BLS also missed the big story: the change in the corporation.

Seen from the corporate angle, contingent workers weren't then (nor are they now) temporary replacements. They were,

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I Hagas Soñgsuñg

Malofan-yu` gi hagas lugat mami Lali Fo`. Esta ni unu gi hagas bisinu gaige. Todu man-amku` guihe na tiempu esta manhanau para i deskansun niha.

Hu hassu i fitmi na sensian kooperasion desde che`chu` familia esta komunida. Man-geftau gi haye numesessita ayudu. Machuchuda` inafamauleg yan inagofli`e gi halum tod. Mit gracias gi ayu siha na mañaina i pumasensiaye ham antes.

Esta pa`gu gagaige ha` i William S. Reyes na eskuelan elemntariu. Megai na lastru man-malofan guihe na plasan eskuela desde mediu siñkuenta siha na sakan.

Gi ge`lagu, taya` hu soda` fuera ke dos fiet na troñkun lemai ni muna` fan libre manadan familia antes. Dañkulu na ayudu ni numa`e ham alimientu gi didog na tiempun ha`ilas.

Desde man-famaguon ham in` aprubecha tumifi` lemai guihe na dos troñku. Magradua-yu` gi high school ya sinparat in` falague` an taya` pugas gi gima`. Entre matunu, masaibog, sino masotni. Mauleg na katsu gi lamasan sena.

Kontodu i dueñu in` lalaladde na u suha` an in` tutuhun tumifi` lemaña. Dispues `nai in` bibira ham man-mangagau dispensu. Mangeftau pot familia yan mauleg na bisinu! `An masa tininun mami in` tetchi gi sirasimi` yan asiga. Ha kubre nesessidat familia `nai appenas boka.

Amiguho: Hu soda` un` atuñgo`hu mampus triste yan disganau. Hagas otdinariu na mañan tautau. Gi uttimu biahe `nai umasoda` ham magof yan i asaguaña yan famaguña. Lau inadite mafanana` an “depression”.

Un` chenot ni parehu yan matai kandet `nai enteru sistema-mu homhum. Ha tutuhungue` gi titanus tod papa` gi tatautau-mu estate ni mona ni tatte. Ni para un` chochu problema pot malelefa hay oran sentada. Megaiña gi ha`ani-mu fana` luga gi halum guma`.

Makat na pinadesi este i maliñgu tod ganas yan esperanza. Masepara yan familiaña pot guaha minasa` na una fan tailaye.

Lau katma yan pas ha`aniña. Hu ofresi ayudu lau kontentu gi para u saga giya siha sin u fan estotba. Hana` ma`ase`yu` pot hagas brabu yan magof na prohimu.

Biyinariu: Giya New York gi 1985 mamomokat-yu` para i UN `nai ha agañgyu` un` amku`. Ha pega un` puñu` kandin ridondu ni mandikiki` gi kanaihu. Hu chuli` ya sige hu kanu` gi karera-hu.

Kuattru oras dispues gi biradahu huli`e manadan tautau mamifila gi menan ayu na amku` masaluluda. Ti hutuñgu` na biyinariu ginen ayu na kandi i hana`e-yu` ni mabebendi tod estados, un sen kada unu. Sumugu`yu` ya hu gu`ot kanaiña pot ha pañgun sensian himimidi giya guahu guihe na pupueñge na tat ti siña gi hilu` animu!

Mauleg sa` guiya biyinariu. Guahu kara` yan banidosu-hu!

Un Popble: In` hassu gi mediu sisienta siha na sakan `nai lumiliku` i defuntu Tun Tomas Rios (Tagalu) mañangane ni tinagu` Santa Maria tinayuyot lisayu? Era, finatoigue i amku` gi maigo`ña mina ha usune lumiliku enteru Saipan.

Taya` dinidahu `nai huhuñgug finu ayu na amku`. Gi primet lugat ha atrebigue` lumiliku` umesañgane haf` finu` Santa Maria. Taduñg yan sinsiyu ayu na sinisedi giya guiya i amku`. Dos mesis dispues huli`e gi sankatan siha na soñgsuñg animu chumalapun tinagu` nana-ta as Santa Maria.

Mientras tantu, i silensiu yan katma ni hu huhuñgug hana` chachatsagayu`. Guaha mohon dañkulu na ira mamamaila` para hita? Puede lache suspichoghu ya ti destrosiun ira para u fatoigue hit.

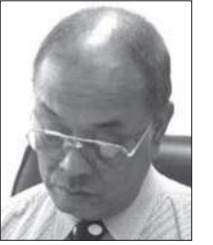
Fañuchanan: Mauleg i finattun tiempun uchan (fañuchanan) ni inesgaihon halum ni fresku na mañglu` ginen haya. Tinilaika i katma yan silensiu ni umestotbayu` pot dos mesis na tiempu.

Na chatsaga na klima pot ti otdinariu. Entre ira `sino dinimalas umuririya `nai sige halum kulan un` saki gi pueñge. Mit gracias sa` sumuha. Dañkulu inañghog-hu giya guiya na u felis i

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tetehnan hinanau este na sakan. I bendisioña u gaige giya hita!

Ha kone` ñaihon-yu` tatte gi hagas kusinan mame gi antes na guma`. Ayu `nai makreansa-yu` muna`lagu gi feggung hayu. Tai atparehu magahet masan hinegsa` foggung kontra elektrisida. Fitme na krineansa ginen i mames yan sinatusan na nanan mame!

Mattiru: Umasodayu` yan un` tautau-ta ni prefektu kustumbren Chinu. Kontodu basula ha miskenuye! Ni pineduñg niyog ti un` finaburesi. Tihu komprende na kustumbren tautau. Hombre, tautau isla geftau na finañagu!

`Nai masuette-yu` atulai huna`e dididi` para i familiaña. Ti malagu` ha chule` pot no unafañage-yu` `an guiya gai suette. Pot abundansia mina` hu hassugue` i prohimu yan famaliaña. Ahe` ti ume`esuette-yu`. Dispues kustumbren tanu` i inana`e `nai bula fina` suettemu.

Desde ke huli`e haf` na kustumbren tautau hu chagu`e. Malolofan ha` sakan ni hoi ni goi. Ni para bai ayu`us sumen appenas. Magahet na kontentu giya guiya na maisa. Un` biahe hali`e na huhahala i tekin yan kantidan atulai. Umuriya para u fan ayuda. Hu señas na usuha sa` man-estototba. Ni un` atulai tihu na`e. Dimoñu!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Stop playing demigods’

A demigod is a person so outstanding as to seem to approach the divine but none of our leaders are divine nor is any elected official. Leaders who judge and think that because a person had gotten in trouble before do not deserve to be trusted in government need to take a long look in the mirror because some of them have done something in their past to get in trouble but just never got caught and got a free second chance. There are leaders who have used marijuana and even committed a felony but never got caught and now two want to play like they are so high-and-mighty perfect by pre-judging people. Furthermore, whatever happened to giving a person a real second chance in our society? Why does a convicted felon have to be punished for the remainder of their life as a second-class citizen who can't be a public servant, can't have a weapon and other rights? Perfection is not a human trait and to segregate people on the principle of “perfection” is flawed as there have been many people in public office who have committed felonies before and after being elected or appointed. In fact, voters call our politicians criminals all the time and so have you, Ed Propst and Tina Sablan.

Propst and Sablan better believe that it is a far safer bet to elect or appoint someone who has been in trouble and has learned their lesson and stayed out of trouble for 15 years or more than to take a chance on someone who has never been convicted but just didn't get caught. People who have gotten into trouble and realized they must change are the salt of the earth as they are people we don't have to worry about anymore. It is those people who never got caught that represent the biggest threat like we have witnessed with public servants going to jail. So Propst and the others who are concerned and want answers about the marijuana bill giving a second chance need to be more human and stop trying to be demigods who only want the appearance of perfection in people. You shouldn't and can't judge the entire book (people) by their cover (something in the past, especially when it was over 15 years ago) as people do change.

Propst and Sablan seem to think that everyone involved in the

cannabis industry on the board and the director should not have a criminal record. Sadly, those who are against people with a record have been stricken with the same demigod ailment that has infected too many of our leaders on the mainland and in the CNMI. They believe that a person who has gotten into trouble is no longer worthy of being a public servant—a genuine fallacy because we see public servants convicted and sent to jail every year in America and in the CNMI. But people are not bad for life, which is what is being implied!

Sex offenders and behavioral offenders who commit serial crimes are the only criminals that need to be banned from certain activities, requiring them to be monitored and even controlled to some degree for the remainder of their lives. But people who commit other crimes that are not cognitive-related should be given a fair break once they have paid their debt to society and proven themselves over time. In fact, what does it mean to pay your debt to society if society is going to continue to brand and ban you from returning to be a full contributor to society?

FYI, there are many people who grow pot and know about marijuana in the CNMI but many of them have also gotten into trouble before because of their activities. We need these people who are the most knowledgeable of marijuana and the criminology to play major roles in the cannabis industry when it becomes law. Why would we want to alienate the people we need the most? If it's OK for these people with a record to grow and sell their crops, then why can't they be a commissioner or the director? Why would we want people who don't know anything about marijuana to be the major decision makers?

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

Thank you

This year I attended the 2018 Liberation festivities by participating in the parade with my fellow colleagues from the Commonwealth Office Transit Authority and enjoyed myself hanging out with friends and eating dinner at the carnival grounds and watching the spectacular fireworks display.

It's moments like this that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I thank the Commonwealth Office Transit Authority headed by Ms. Alfreda Camacho and the operations team and Mr. Goto of Tasi Tours operations team for providing my transportation

needs to and from the carnival grounds.

As a person with a disability, life is much more difficult than a person that is able to walk on their own. Accessible transportation services lessen the stress and anxiety that comes with it.

John DLG Demapan Jr.

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and are, a permanent strategy for managing a company's labor costs. The consulting company Deloitte has calculated that paying people is 50 percent to 60 percent of expenses at a typical Fortune 500 company. That is a big, fat target for cost-cutting.






For managers pushed to downsize, shifting work to a contractor or temp or freelancer (and showing the cost reduction in benefits) was an easy move. Rather than hire employees, companies began leasing workers from staffing agencies like Manpower-Group and Kelly Services. Further, these staffing agencies didn't just “lease” out administrative or manual labor, but increasingly technology specialists, professionals and creative workers. The federal labor data captured little of that.

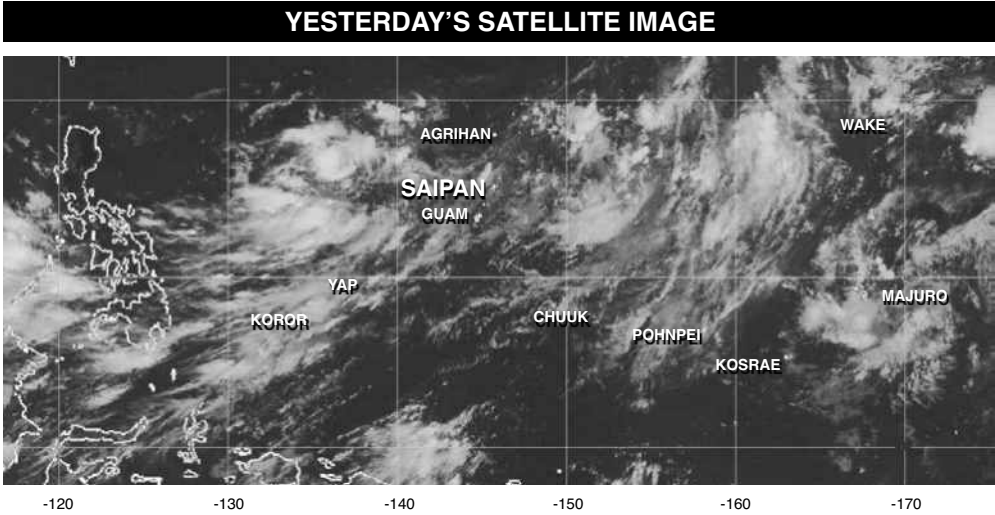
Bureau economists seemed to go out of their way to ignore the fact that contingent jobs weren't a convenient personal choice, but an unwelcome necessity. The effect of this major shift has been felt throughout corporate America. Full-time employees everywhere know that being replaced by a temp or a contractor is not just a possibility, but part of their human resources department's plan.

The definition of contingent worker remains unsettled and ineffectual today. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, in an effort to make the categories from 1995 onward comparable, has not altered its survey definitions. In the meantime, for many millions of Americans, work has become even less secure.

Reconciling government statistics with our lived experiences (and other surveys) will require new approaches. The bureau will need to update and expand its definitions of contingent work. At the same time, we need to survey corporations to analyze how they are now using temps and contractors alongside traditional employees. If we want to understand why Americans are winding up in contingent work—and what to do about that—we need to first look at how extensively corporations are outsourcing their labor.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN				
TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 Partly sunny with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. ▲ 88° ▼ 77°	 Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph. ▲ 88° ▼ 77°	 Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. ▲ 88° ▼ 77°	 Breezy. Cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. ▲ 87° ▼ 77°	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. ▲ 87° ▼ 77°



PICTURE TIME: 7:39 AM, TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

A few tweaks made to the forecast. The axis of the monsoon trough could be found well north of the Marianas north of 25N this morning. A southwest monsoon wind flow covers the local area and will prevail through the coming week. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are expected today and tonight. Slightly drier air will keep showers at a minimum Wednesday and Wednesday night. Models are showing an active monsoon pattern developing over the Western Pacific later this week. Models show the monsoon trough moving south of 20N by Thursday. A few circulations will develop on the trough near the Marianas. These circulations will increase low-level convergence in the monsoon flow. This convergence, combined with deep-layer moisture, will produce a greater chance of rainfall with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorm possible starting Thursday. The earlier forecast had the scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms persisting through Friday night. Models agree on keeping the scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms through at least Saturday night. GFS continues to show wind speeds increasing starting Friday. This same model hints at winds in the 20 to 25 mph range with gusts above 30 mph on Saturday and Saturday night. The ECMWF does show a band of stronger winds, although not as strong as the GFS, further west of the local area. Other models also show an increase in winds over the Marianas. Not certain on the higher winds of the GFS so left winds alone for now in the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an up-dated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲ °F		
Auckland	Showers	61° / 48°
Beijing	Sunny	97° / 77°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 77°
London	Partly Cloudy	79° / 59°
Los Angeles	Sunny	87° / 71°
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Melbourne	Windy	61° / 52°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
New York	Thunderstorms	85° / 75°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	93° / 81°
Paris	Showers	54° / 46°
Busan	Sunny	88° / 81°
Rome	Sunny	97° / 73°
Salem	Thunderstorms	80° / 69°
San Francisco	Showers	53° / 45°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	100° / 82°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	95° / 81°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°

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9:44 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.69
4:38 PM	LOW TIDE	0.13
11:14 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:16 AM	9:50 PM
Thursday	-	10:05 AM	10:28 PM
Friday	-	10:54 AM	11:08 PM
Saturday	-	11:45 AM	11:51 PM
Sunday	-	12:39 AM	-

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

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SATURDAY
September 15, 2018

Every year, the CNMI joins the world wide effort to fight ocean pollution by collecting and documenting the trash littering our coastlines and waterways. The Division of Coastal Resources Management would like to invite you to join this year's International Coastal Cleanup!

***SINCE 2016, THE CNMI HAS HAD 1,784 PARTICIPANTS,
 REMOVED 7,254 POUNDS OF TRASH,
 COVERED 138 MILES, AND COLLECTED 51,519 ITEMS.***

Contact Mallory Muña at mmuna@dcrm.gov.mp or Colleen Flores at cflores@dcrm.gov.mp, or visit DCRM for more information!

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Proclamation honors farmers, ranchers

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, acting in Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' stead, has proclaimed Aug. 4 as Saipan Agricultural Fair Day and Aug. 5 to 11 as Farmers and Ranchers Week, in recognition of the valuable role farmers and ranchers play in the CNMI community.

In Monday's proclamation signing on Capital Hill, Hocog said he knows the difficult of farmers and ranchers face every day in making sure local produce

are supplied to the community.

"Being a rancher is difficult, even for just putting up a fence in the absence of any help; it is difficult to ensure that your cattle, pigs, and others are in a safe place. For farmers, it is hard to nourish the seed that you put on the ground," said Hocog.

He pointed out that farmers help restaurants and other establishments with their supply of locally produced vegetables.

"With the new hotels and investments, they would need fresh vegetables. Rather than

flying vegetables to the CNMI, where you need at least three days before you could use it, if we can come together, they [establishments] would have the supplies on island to feed their customers."

He hopes fishermen would be included in the future. "We really need to promote this more. And I take this to heart, since I'm a farmer and rancher, too. What is missing is the fishermen. ... We need to look into having our fishermen too. I hope that in the future this can be considered as

part of the celebration. Bringing together what our ancestors taught us—being a famer, rancher, and a fisherman."

Hocog hopes the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Educational Services could help with that and highlight the importance of fishermen in providing the community with produce.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang thanked the farmers in providing the community with fresh fruits and vegetables. "I encourage them [farmers] to

continue to provide us with fresh produce for our healthy consumption. I also encourage everyone in educating our people to eat healthy food. ...

Thank you to the farmers and let us celebrate this year's 35th [Agricultural Fair Day]. I'm looking forward to a bigger celebration next year."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting today, Aug. 1, at Charley's of the Pacific Islands Club at noon. The guest speakers will be Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, who will share updates from her agency regarding the workforce, employment numbers, and new projects; and Kanae Quinn and Wendi Herring, directors on the Make A Wish Foundation board, to speak about the good deeds of this organization in granting wishes for children in need. (PR)

NMC info session on Thursday

Individuals interested in furthering their education or expanding their income potential are encouraged to attend the Northern Marianas College information sessions on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at NMC's Cafe Proa, located at the college's As Terlaje campus. Cafe Proa is located near the NMC Bookstore. Roundtrip shuttle service will be provided from Tanapag and Kagman on each day that the info session is held. Pick up times from Tanapag Middle School and the Kagman

Market will be at 4:30pm, and the return dropoff time from NMC back to Tanapag and Kagman will be at 7pm.

The session will cover topics that include degree programs, financial aid options, the Prior Learning Assessment program, admissions, and other topics.

For more information, contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit www.marianas.edu. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Aug. 1-2, from 3pm to 11pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 3-5, from 10am to 10pm.

It is recommended the general public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)



FINAL DISMISSAL

Thirty-two members of the 23rd Cycle Police Academy get the final dismissal command during their graduation ceremony at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall Friday afternoon.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. New Business
 - A. Amendments to Casino License Agreements
 1. Live Training Facility
 2. To allow to continue operation of the Marpi facility
 3. To allow to open Phase Development in Stages
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.



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Request for Qualification Statements

RFQ 18-JUDICIARY-01

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services for the Guma' Hustisia

The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed qualifications for mechanical engineering services for the review, recommendation, inspection, evaluation, and/or certification of the heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system ("HVAC"), solar panel system, and mold remediation at the Guma' Hustisia.

The Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and supporting documents for the Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services may be obtained at the cashier window, Window # 1, located at the front of the Guma' Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, during regular working hours and is available online at www.justice.gov.mp.

Statements of professional qualification from interested consultants must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- A. Overall completeness, clarity, and quality of the qualifications with regards to the information required by the RFQ, as well as compliance with the terms, conditions, and other provisions within the RFQ – (15%)
- B. Overall consulting management experience in the Western Pacific Region, especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – (10%)
- C. Qualification – (30%)
- D. Experience of identified agency personnel in the evaluation of the replacement of the HVAC system and mold remediation – (30%)
- E. Proposed project approach – (15%)

To qualify, engineers must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Statements of qualifications must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC SECTIONS 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 prohibiting gratuities, kickbacks, and contingent fees shall apply.

/s/ Larrisa C. Larson
Expenditure Authority

/s/ Alejandro C. Castro
Chief Justice



A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) – Victim Hotline Coordinator

For more information, job description can be obtained from Karidat Main Office at Ground Floor, Old Sister Remedios' School in Chalan Kanoa.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: Completed application form, copy of diploma with highest achievement, resume, current police clearance valid for six months, copy of valid driver's license.

NO PHONE INQUIRIES PLEASE.
CLOSING DATE: August 10, 2018 at 4:30pm



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/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
JUDICIARY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

/s/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ
JUDICIARY PROCUREMENT OFFICE



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Business

Puerto Rico reaches deal to restructure \$3B of power debt



AP

In this July 24, 2018 photo, a technician installs a solar energy system at a home in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Puerto Rico's government reached a deal Monday night with a bondholder group to restructure more than a third of the debt owed by its troubled power company as the utility moves toward privatization.

A federal control board overseeing the U.S. territory's finances called it an "important milestone" and promised the deal would not hit Puerto Ricans with rate increases to cover debt service if there was a drop in power usage.

Officials said bondholders that hold more than \$3 billion in debt from Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority would exchange it for

two new bonds. One would be exchanged at 67.5 cents on the dollar, while the other would be exchanged at 10 cents on the dollar and would be linked to Puerto Rico's economic recovery.

"That is absolutely huge," economist Vicente Feliciano told The Associated Press.

The deal marks the first time Puerto Rico will not pay a revenue bond in full, and it could have consequences beyond the U.S. territory, including higher interest rates on those types of bonds, he said.

The bondholder group whose clients include OppenheimerFunds and Knighthead Capital Management said in a statement that addressing the

power company's debt can speed up the utility's transformation and viability.

"Our recoveries are now tied to PREPA's sustainable success," the group said.

Puerto Rico legislators are expected to soon approve several measures that will allow the Puerto Rico's government to privatize the generation of power and award concessions for transmission and distribution.

Economist Gustavo Velez told AP that the debt restructuring deal will make it easier to find a buyer, in addition to possibly leading to similar agreements for those holding general obligation bonds and sales-tax bonds. Overall,

Puerto Rico has more than \$70 billion in public debt, and a federal judge overseeing the territory's bankruptcy-like process has to approve all restructuring deals, which Velez said are key for the island to overcome its economic crisis.

"Puerto Rico needs to accelerate all these restructurings to return to the capital markets as quickly as possible," he said.

The announcement comes just days after a new CEO was appointed to lead Puerto Rico's power company, the

fifth one since Hurricane Maria destroyed up to 75 percent of the island's transmission lines. Some 200 customers remain in the dark more than 10 months after the hit as Puerto Rico struggles to emerge from an 11-year recession.

Levi's, Yelp join coalition pledging not to discriminate

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Levi Strauss, Yelp and Lyft are leading a coalition of 1,200 businesses and cities that are pledging not to discriminate against employees or customers based on race, sexual orientation, or other characteristics.

Normally, making a promise to serve every customer might seem like a no-brainer. But the Open to All coalition is launching in a highly charged atmosphere, with florists refusing to provide flowers for gay weddings and stores turning away Muslim customers. On the same June weekend that White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders was asked to leave a Virginia restaurant because of her affiliation with President Donald Trump, a transgender woman was harassed by staff at a Washington restaurant for using the women's restroom.

So it remains to be seen if the "Open to All" message — on businesses' Yelp pages or on stickers in their windows — will calm frayed tempers or anger customers and businesses who might

question its motives.

Tia Agnew, co-founder and CEO of New Day Craft, an Indianapolis-based producer of mead and cider, is excited to put up her "Open to All" window sticker, which she says matches her "personal and professional ethos." She's not worried that it will be a turn-off to some potential patrons.

"All I can do is put our best foot forward and say, 'Hey, come on in and hang out,'" she said.

But George Marinakos, the owner of The Exchange Saloon in Washington, isn't sold on the idea. His bar is near the White House, and he has served Sanders as well as members of the Obama administration. A chalkboard in front of the bar reads, "Everyone welcome," but he thinks an "Open to All" sticker might raise questions. If he doesn't put it up, some people will wonder why; if he does, some people might not feel welcome because of what they interpret as a left-leaning message.

"You're putting yourself in the position of being damned if you do or damned if you don't," he said.

The Open to All coalition got its start late last year as the U.S. Supreme Court was preparing to consider the case of a Colorado baker who refused to bake a wedding cake for a gay couple because it violated his religious beliefs. The court ultimately ruled for the baker but didn't give businesses a blanket right to discriminate against gays.

Calla Rongerude, Open to All's campaign manager, said businesses were asking civil rights groups how to make it clear they would serve gays and other minorities. The cities of New York and Oakland, California, are also part of the coalition, as are 190 civil rights groups, organizations and faith groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Interfaith Alliance, the Service Employees International Union and the NAACP.

"People have been really hungry to engage and let people know that they're welcome," she said.

Rongerude also says she doesn't think the campaign will face any backlash from conservatives.



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 18-COTA/FTA-128 (A-B)

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 04, 2018 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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EIGHT (8) FOR VANS & (B) FOUR (4) FOR THE BUS FOR THE
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THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **AUGUST 1, 2018** AT COTA, OFFICE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA, NARU LOOP, SUSUPE, SAIPAN.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL TO MR. JADE MANGUBAT AT cota16assistant@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:30, LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 22, 2018.**

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: ~~Thursday, July 26, 2018~~ Thursday, August 09, 2018
TIME: 10:00 AM

AMENDMENT No. 1

NMHC IFB 2018-007

**Purchase of Insurance for NMHC's Offices and
Residential Units in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota**

Bid packets will be available on **June 25, 2018**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.


The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on July 5, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670)234-9021, email at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp, no later than 10 a.m., July 06, 2018. Response to questions shall be shared with all bidders.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Acting Office Manager, at (670)234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.


/s/ Aubry Hocog
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NMHC Board of Directors

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9911, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in the CEO's Conference Room 3 located at the Administrative Offices (new wing).

CHCC Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Determination of Quorum**
- III. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**
- IV. **CHCC Outpatient Pharmacy Presentation**
- V. **Executive Session**
 - A. PHI Pharmacy Contract
- VI. **Adjournment**

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Nation

\$100M damages sought in lawsuit against fatal sinking of duck boat

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The owners and operators of a tourist boat that sank this month in Missouri, killing 17 people, put profits over people’s safety when they decided to put the Ride the Ducks boat on a lake despite design problems and warnings of severe weather, a lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit filed Sunday in U.S. District Court in Kansas City seeks \$100 million in damages on behalf of two of nine members of an Indiana family who died when the tourist boat sank July 19 at Table Rock Lake near Branson. A second lawsuit was filed Monday in state court on behalf of three daughters of William and Michelle Bright, of Higginsville, Missouri, who died in the accident. The wrongful-death lawsuit seeks more than \$125,000 in damages.

Separately, the Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley’s office confirmed Monday that it has opened a criminal investigation under the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act

duck boat incident.

“We are working with investigators to determine the facts and whether any criminal charges are appropriate,” said Mary Compton, spokeswoman for the attorney general’s office.

The statement from the attorney general’s office does not name any individuals or companies.

“This tragedy was the predictable and predicted result of decades of unacceptable, greed-driven, and willful ignorance of safety by the Duck Boat industry in the face of specific and repeated warnings that their Duck Boats are death traps for passengers and pose grave danger to the public on water and on land,” the federal lawsuit, filed on behalf of the estates of 76-year-old Ervin Coleman and 2-year-old Maxwell Ly, states.

Robert Mongeluzzi, whose law firm won a \$17 million settlement when two Hungarian students drowned on a duck boat in Philadelphia in 2010, said at a news conference Monday that the Coleman family

wants to know what happened when the boat sank.

“And more importantly they want to make sure that no one ever dies again inside a death trap duck boat,” Mongeluzzi said. “They’ve asked that this lawsuit leads the charge to ban duck boats so they no longer kill their passengers and the children who ride them.”

Ripley Entertainment Inc., Ride the Ducks International, Ride the Ducks of Branson, the Herschend Family Entertainment Corp., and Amphibious Vehicle Manufacturing are named in the federal suit. The state-court suit names Riley Entertainment and Ride the Ducks International, as well as boat operators Kenneth McKee and Robert Williams.

A Ripley spokeswoman said in a statement Monday that the company remains “deeply saddened” by the accident. She said the company would not comment further because a National Transportation Safety Board investigation is still underway and no conclusions have been reached.



DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Division of Youth Services under the auspices of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be conducting Public Hearings on the consolidated Block Grant under the authority of the Social Services Block Grant – Title XX on the following dates/time;

ISLAND	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tinian	Friday, August 3, 2018	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Friday, August 3, 2018
Saipan	Wednesday, August 8, 2018	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, August 10, 2018
Rota	Friday, August 10, 2018	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Friday, August 10, 2018

An electronic copy of the 2019 Consolidated Block Grant may be viewed on the links herein stated:

DYS Website: www.dys.gov.mp
DCCA Website: www.dcca.gov.mp
GOVERNOR’S Website: www.gov.mp

Hard copies may also be picked up at the DYS Office located at Chalan Piao, Saipan (Joeten Bldg. adjacent Bank of Guam)

For more information, you may contact, Resel Billy at 664-2544 or via email at rbmagofna@dys.gov.mp

/s/ Reselann T. Billy-Magofna
DYS Acting Administrator

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in CNMI Public Schools begins August 15, 2018

The Child Nutrition Program (CNP) is pleased to inform you that the CNMI Public School System will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) while participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs during School Year 2018-2019.

What does this mean for children attending CNMI public school(s)?

All students enrolled and attending CNMI public schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2018-19 school year. Your child (ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. CEP applies to meals served at public schools only. Each student is allowed one free breakfast meal and one free lunch meal each school day while attending any of the 20 CNMI public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

What does this mean for children attending private school(s) or day care centers?

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) does not apply to students attending private schools and day care centers. In order for children attending these institutions to qualify for free school meals, the families must submit completed free meal applications and be determined eligible by the Child Nutrition Program.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Q1: One of my children attends public school and the other attends preschool at a day care center. Does my family have to submit an application for free meals?

A1: The student eating meals at public school does not require an approved application to avail of free school meals. The child attending the day care center is not eligible for free school meals without a free meal application approved by CNP. Make sure to include all household members on the application, including the students attending public schools. CEP benefits are not based on households, but on attendance at a CNMI public school. CEP benefits do not transfer to children attending private schools and day care centers.

Q2: My son attends a day care center in the morning and goes to kindergarten in the afternoon at a public school. Does my family have to submit an application for free meals?

A2: Your son can eat lunch without charge at the public school. He is not eligible for free breakfast meals served at the day care without a free meal application approved by CNP. Free meal applications are available at the Child Nutrition Program office, House 1251 Capital Hill Road. Applications are also available on the PSS website (www.cnmipss.org/child-nutrition-program/).

Q3: My daughter brings her lunch to school each day and only wants a milk or bottled water and not a full meal from the cafeteria. Since all the kids eat for free can she just take bottled water and not a full meal?

A3: No. USDA guidelines specifically state that a meal is a complete unit, is priced as a unit, and must be served as a unit. If a student only wants a bottle of water, that can be purchased a la carte in the cafeteria. All no-cost meals must follow USDA meal patterns. The goal of the school meals program is to provide well-balanced and nutritious meals to students. A la carte is always available, and individual items like bottled water, chocolate milk, and fruit juice must be purchased. Drinking water is provided free of charge from dispensers located in every public school cafeteria.

Summary of CNMI PSS Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Specifics:

1. CEP benefits only apply to meals served at CNMI public schools
2. Each student is eligible to take one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day
3. As of now, CEP benefits do not apply to meals served in day care centers and private schools.
4. Free meals are served as a unit. A la carte items must be purchased separately.

For more information, please contact the PSS Child Nutrition Office at 664-3901, -3902, -3904 or visit the office located in House #1251 on Capital Hill (across from the CNMI Medicaid office).



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
Homeless Prevention Coalition

CNMI HOMELESS PREVENTION COALITION Amendment No. 1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition is soliciting project proposals from qualified and established organizations and agencies to apply for the CNMI Continuum of Care (CoC) grant through Funding Opportunity Number FR-6200-N-25, Primary CFDA #14.267 under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by non-profit providers, states and local government to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness (*FR-6200-N-25 Program Description*).

The proposal packets are available at the NMHC Central Office in Saipan during regular business hours from Monday thru Friday, except CNMI Holidays beginning Monday, July 16, 2018.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on ~~July 31, 2018~~ **August 3, 2018** at 10 a.m. at the NMHC Central Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to the NMHC Office attention CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition or emailed directly to Jacob Muna at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp.

The proposal would be evaluated based on the following criteria (s):

RFP and Required Documentations	10%
Organizational Capacity	20%
Financial Management	20%
Project Plan	30%
Performance Measurement	20%

Proposers must seal and mark their proposals “2018 Continuum of Care Project”. Proposers must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposal and submitted to NMHC Central Office no later than 10:00 a.m. on August 16, 2018.

The CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals become the property of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition.

For more information, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, NMHC Planner at (670)234-7689 or (670)483-9447 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Vivian Sablan
Chairwoman

Twin wildfires threatening 10,000 California homes

LAKEPORT, Calif. (AP)—Twin wildfires tearing through vineyards and brushy hills threatened some 10,000 homes in Northern California Tuesday — yet another front in the seemingly endless summer of wildfires that have ravaged some of the most scenic areas of the state.

The two fires straddling Mendocino and Lake counties had burned seven homes by Monday night along with some 107 square miles (277 square kilometers) of rural land.

About 100 miles (160 kilometers) north, the so-called Carr Fire that has burned more than 800 homes and killed six people has become the ninth most destructive wildfire in California history, said Scott McLean, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

In Lake County, evacuation orders were in effect for the 4,700-resident town of Lakeport along with some smaller communities and a section of Mendocino National Forest. In all, some 10,000 people have been warned to flee, fire officials said.

Lakeport, north of San Francisco, is the county seat and a popular destination for bass anglers and boaters on the shores of Clear Lake. But by Monday night it was a ghost town, the main streets deserted.

A few miles away embers, ash and smoke swirled through vineyards where at least one home had gone up in flames. Firefighters set blazes at the bottom of hills in order to burn up the tinder-dry brush before flames cresting the ridge tops could feed on it and surge down-



hill. A fleet of aircraft made continuous water and fire retardant drops on the blaze, filling the air with the roar of their engines.

But not everyone heeded orders issued Sunday and Monday to evacuate.

Derick Hughes II remained behind at his property in Nice, California, where he ran sprinklers on his roof and removed yard plants that could catch fire.

The 32-year-old Marine Corps veteran sent his wife and two daughters to safety along with three carloads of belongings. But he said he had too much at stake to leave himself. He bought his three-bedroom house last year using a loan from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"This is everything I bled for, and I've worked really

hard to get to where I am, and I'm just not willing to give it up so easily," he said over the phone. "Some people may think that's selfish of me, and I have insurance. But the way things go, I'd rather not start over."

Farther north, police said five people were arrested on suspicion of entering areas evacuated due to the explosive wildfire around Redding.

The blaze, which killed two firefighters and four civilians including two children, has now destroyed 818 homes and 311 outbuildings and damaged 165 homes, McLean said.

More than 27,000 people remained evacuated from their homes although another 10,000 were allowed to return Monday as fire crews reinforced lines on the western end of Carr Fire.

Some 12,000 firefighters were battling the blaze. Fire officials were hopeful that they could make progress containing the blaze, which was 23 percent contained.

The fire's northwestern corner continued to be active.

"It's still putting up a fight," McLean said.

Those fires were among 17 burning across the state, where fire crews were stretched to the limit.

In Riverside County, east of Los Angeles, an arson fire that destroyed seven homes last week was 82 percent contained Monday.

Fire crews also have battled numerous small brushfires this summer, most charring only a few acres but still threatening homes in built-up areas along parched foothills. A 10-acre fire damaged 13

homes and apartments Monday in Santa Clarita, northwest of Los Angeles, county fire officials said.

McLean, the state fire spokesman, said there was no guarantee of safety in a state

AP
The El Dorado Hotshots battle wildfire near Buckhorn Summit on Highway 299 in Trinity County, Calif., Monday, July 30, 2018.

California wildfires



that has been ravaged by years of drought that has turned trees and brush to tinder.

"Anything could happen anywhere. That's the nature of the beast for all of these fires," he said. "The vegetation is so dry all it takes is a spark to get it going."

ACROSS THE NATION

4 people, including boy, fatally shot at apartment building

NEW YORK (AP)—Four people, including a 5-year-old boy, have been shot and killed at an apartment building in New York City. Detectives are investigating whether the deaths Monday night may have been a murder-suicide. Officers were called shortly before 9 p.m. to the building in the Astoria section of Queens. They found two women, a man, and the boy had been shot. It was not immediately clear if they were related. Police continue to investigate the circumstances. TV news video showed a cluster of police cars and officers around the low-rise brick building and officers in heavy gear walking around it, as bystanders gathered behind police lines.

Police: Stolen shark back at aquarium; 1 charged

LEON VALLEY, Texas (AP)—A shark police say was snatched from a petting tank at the San Antonio Aquarium and wheeled out in a baby stroller is back home alive, and investigators say a person confessed to the deed. Investigators in the San Antonio suburb of Leon Valley say the person in custody was charged Monday night. Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio says two others are expected to be

charged. No names have been released. Surveillance video had shown two men and a woman sneaking the 2-to-3-foot-long gray horn shark from the aquarium in a stroller Saturday afternoon and placed in a pickup truck for the getaway. Salvaggio says the truck used in the heist was recovered Monday evening.

Ex-nurse convicted of manslaughter in diabetic inmate death

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP)—A former Mississippi jail nurse has been convicted of manslaughter in the death of a diabetic inmate who went a week without insulin. The Sun Herald reports a Warren County judge sentenced Carmon Sue Brannon on Monday to 15 years in prison. Brannon testified she thought 28-year-old William Joel Dixon of Lucedale was undergoing drug withdrawal the week before his death in 2014 in the George County jail. Her trial followed a mistrial earlier this year. During closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Cherie Wade said when jailers asked Brannon to check on Dixon, she glanced into his cell and said, "I don't have time for him." Dixon had been arrested on DUI, drug and child endangerment charges after police found him passed out in a car with two children inside.

States suing Trump administration, company over 3D guns

Eight states are filing suit against the Trump administration over its decision to allow a Texas company to publish downloadable blueprints for a 3D-printed gun, contending the hard-to-trace plastic weapons are a boon to terrorists and criminals and threaten public safety.

The suit, filed Monday in Seattle, asks a judge to block the federal government's late-June settlement with Defense Distributed, which allowed the company to make the plans available online. Officials say that 1,000 people have already downloaded blueprints for AR-15 rifles.

"I have a question for the Trump Administration: Why are you allowing dangerous criminals easy access to weapons?" Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, a Democrat, said in a statement Monday. "These downloadable guns are unregistered and

very difficult to detect, even with metal detectors, and will be available to anyone regardless of age, mental health or criminal history."

Joining the suit were Democratic attorneys general in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Maryland, New York and the District of Columbia. Separately, attorneys general in 21 states urged Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Monday to withdraw from the settlement with Defense Distributed, saying it "creates an imminent risk to public safety."

People can use the blueprints to manufacture a plastic gun using a 3D printer. But gun industry experts have expressed doubt that criminals would go to the trouble, since the printers needed to make the guns are very expensive, the guns

themselves tend to disintegrate quickly and traditional firearms are easy to come by.

Cody Wilson, the founder of Defense Distributed, first published downloadable designs for a 3D-printed firearm in 2013. It was downloaded about 100,000 times until the State Department ordered him to cease, contending it violated federal export laws since some of the blueprints were downloaded by people outside the United States.

The State Department reversed course in late June, agreeing to allow Wilson to resume posting the blueprints. The files were published on Friday.

The company filed its own suit in Texas on Sunday, asserting that it's the victim of an "ideologically-fueled program of intimidation and harassment" that violates the company's First Amendment rights.

Asia

Rival Koreas' generals discuss easing military confrontation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Generals from the rival Koreas met Tuesday at their shared border for talks meant to ease a decades-long military standoff, Seoul officials said. The meeting comes days after North Korea returned the reported remains of U.S. war dead, the most recent sign of blossoming diplomacy after last year's threats of war.

The general-level officers were discussing ways to implement April's inter-Korean summit agreements on non-nuclear military issues, but no huge announcement is expected from the talks at the border village of Panmunjom. Some experts say South Korea can't agree on any drastic measures to reduce animosity unless the North takes serious nuclear disarmament steps.

During the April 27 summit, the leaders of the Koreas agreed to disarm a jointly controlled area at Panmunjom, work to prevent accidental clashes along their disputed sea boundary and halt all hostile acts. Since then, the Koreas dismantled their front-line propaganda loudspeakers, restored a military hotline and held their first general-level talks since 2007.

Tuesday is the second meeting of its kind since the sum-



North Korean Lt. Gen. An Ik San, left, shakes hands with his South Korean counterpart Maj. Gen. Kim Do-gyun during a meeting inside the Peace House at the border village of Panmunjom, South Korea, Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

mit. The generals will likely discuss dropping the number of military guards at Panmunjom, withdrawing heavy weapons from the area and pulling some army guard posts away from the Demilitarized Zone, a buffer zone that sepa-

rates the two countries. They may also talk about ways to make sure their fishermen peacefully operate along the Korean sea boundary, the site of several bloody naval skirmishes in recent years.

The Defense Ministry won't

discuss any detailed agenda for the talks.

The meeting began with an amicable manner with delegates from both countries saying they're expecting to produce meaningful outcome.

Chief North Korean delegate Lt. Gen. An Ik San said he feels a "sense of mission" to contribute to peace and co-prosperity between the Koreas. His South Korean counterpart Maj. Gen. Kim Do Gyun said he's confident the talks would produce "achievements that South and North Korea and the international community want," according to South Korean media pool reports from the venue.

The meeting comes four days after North Korea returned what were said to be dozens of remains of American soldiers missing from the 1950-53 Korean War, something that leader Kim Jong Un promised during a June summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.

Trump thanked Kim for "fulfilling a promise" to send back U.S. remains and said it was a step in the right direction following their summit.

During the Singapore meeting, Kim also committed to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula while Trump promised to provide him with security assurances. But there have

been worries that North Korea hasn't since taken any serious disarmament measures.

The North suspended its missile and nuclear tests and shut down its nuclear test site, and recent satellite photos indicated the country had also begun dismantling key facilities at its main rocket launch site. But many foreign experts say those were not enough to prove it's serious about its disarmament commitment, saying the North must first submit a list of nuclear assets to be dismantled.

As a reward for returning the U.S. war dead, North Korea may demand that the United States agree on a declaration to end the Korean War as a U.S. security guarantee. That issue could be discussed at Tuesday's meeting, according to analyst Cho Han Bum at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

The Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula in a technical state of war. North Korea has long argued its nukes are aimed at coping with U.S. military threats, saying it wants to sign a peace treaty with the United States to formally end the war. That could then allow the North to demand the pullout of 28,500 U.S. troops deployed in South Korea.

Ah, the North Korean delegate, mentioned a South Korean media report that North Korea would ask South Korea to pressure the United States to jointly declare the war's end. "Before determining whether that (report) is accurate, I realize that the entire people in North and South Korea think highly of our meeting."

Investigators can't rule out 'interference' in loss of MH370

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP)—A Malaysian-led independent investigation report released Monday, more than four years after Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared, highlighted shortcomings in the government's response and raised the possibility of "intervention by a third party."

The report, prepared by a 19-member international team, reiterated Malaysia's assertion the plane was deliberately diverted and flown for over seven hours after severing communications.

Chief investigator Kok Soo Chon said the cause of the disappearance cannot be determined until the wreckage and the plane's black boxes are found. He said there was no evidence of abnormal behavior or stress in the two pilots that could lead them to hijack the plane but all passengers were also cleared by police and had no pilot training.

"We are not of the opinion that it could be an event committed by the pilot," Kok told a media briefing.

"We cannot rule out unlawful interference by a third party," such as someone holding the pilots hostage, he said. But he added that no group

has said it hijacked the plane and no ransom demands have been made, compounding the mystery. Kok said it was up to police to investigate.

He said the investigation showed lapses by air traffic control, including a failure to swiftly initiate an emergency response and monitor radar continuously, relying too much on information from Malaysia Airlines and not getting in touch with the military for help.

The plane carrying 239 people from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing vanished March 8, 2014, and is presumed to have crashed in the far southern Indian Ocean. The report said there was insufficient information to determine if the aircraft broke up in the air or during impact with the ocean.

Scattered pieces of debris that washed ashore on African beaches and Indian Ocean islands indicated a distant remote stretch of the ocean where the plane likely crashed. But a government search by Australia, Malaysia and China failed to pinpoint a location. And a second, private search by U.S. company Ocean Infinity that finished at the end of May also found no sign of a possible crash site.

Family members of those on board the plane said after a briefing by the investigation team that they were frustrated because there were many gaps in the probe and questions left unanswered.

"There is nothing new but it highlighted failings of some government agencies" that did not follow protocol and guidelines, said Grace Nathan, whose mother was on board the plane.

She said the scope of the safety investigation was also too limited, depended too much on information supplied to them by other parties rather than on their own probe, and didn't discuss the scope of the searches.

Sakinab Shah, sister of senior pilot Captain Zaharie Ahmad Shah, said she felt "relieved and happy" that Zaharie was again cleared of blame.

"But still, it cannot end here. They have to continue the search until they find the plane," she said.

Officials said Monday's report is still not a final accounting because the plane hasn't been found. Malaysia's government has said it is open to resume searching if credible evidence of the plane's location emerges.

Powerful bomb in van kills at least 10 in south PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Filipino soldier, five militiamen and four villagers were killed by a powerful bomb that exploded in a van the troops were inspecting Tuesday amid threats of bombings in a southern province, military officials said.

Regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Gerry Besana said one other government militiaman was wounded in the blast after dawn that shattered a part of the barricades surrounding an army militia outpost in the village of Colonia on the island province of Basilan.

Besana, who is based in southern Zamboanga city across a strait from Basilan, said a security clampdown due to intelligence reports of possible bomb attacks on military

outposts included the setting up of road checkpoints, which allowed troops to stop the bomb-laden white van.

Police said the blast occurred after militiamen flagged down the van at a checkpoint for inspection, although the report had limited details and it's unclear what happened to the driver.

The villagers who died in the explosion included relatives of militiamen assigned at the outpost.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast. Investigators were trying to determine the type of the explosive and its design.

Government forces have been put on alert in the south, scene of decades-long Muslim separatist unrest, after President Rodrigo Duterte signed a

new autonomy agreement last week with the biggest Muslim rebel group in the country.

The peace deal has been opposed by much smaller but violent extremist bands mostly linked with the Islamic State group.

"These may be the work of peace spoilers," Besana told The Associated Press by telephone, referring to opponents of the autonomy agreement and adding that it was likely that the militia outpost was the target of the bombing and not the city of Lamitan a few kilometers (miles) away.

Regional military commander Lt. Gen. Arnel Dela Vega committed "every available resource under his disposal to identify the perpetrators in the soonest possible time."

World

US nuns demand action to end 'culture of silence' on abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The largest association of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States urged its members Monday to report any sexual abuse of religious sisters by clergy and demanded that church authorities “take action to end a culture of silence, hold abusers accountable and provide support to those abused.”

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, which represents about 80 percent of Catholic sisters in the U.S., issued a statement Monday in response to an Associated Press report about several sisters coming forward recently to denounce assaults by priests and bishops.

The LCWR said it didn't have data on incidents in the U.S., but thanked the sisters for speaking out.

“We understand that reporting abuse requires courage and fortitude, however, bringing this horrific practice to light may be the only way that sexual abuse by those in positions of trust in the church community will be

put to an end,” the association's statement said.

The conference has about

1,300 members in 300 orders. LCWR said it reached out to its members and urged them

to report any cases to both church and civil authorities.

The AP report, citing re-

cent reported cases of assault in Chile, India and Italy, added to the well-documented

reports by religious sisters during the 1990s about clergy abuse in Africa.

At the time, sisters were increasingly targeted because they were considered “safe” sexual partners during the height of the AIDS epidemic on the continent.

“We join with all those demanding the end of a culture that ignores or tolerates sexual abuse of Catholic sisters or any other adult or minor perpetrated by those in positions of trust in the church community,” the LCWR said.

The Catholic Church in the U.S., which was rocked in 2002 by the clergy sex abuse scandal involving children, has been jolted again following accusations that one of the most prominent U.S. cardinals sexually abused teenagers and adult seminarians.

Over the weekend, Pope Francis accepted Theodore McCarrick's resignation as a cardinal and ordered him to live a lifetime of penance and prayer pending the outcome of a canonical trial.

AP

A nun enjoys a light moment with a friend as she sits under Bernini's Colonnade in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, July 29, 2018.



In Iran, economic worries grow as new US sanctions loom

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's currency plummeted to a record low Monday, a week before the United States restores sanctions lifted under the unraveling nuclear deal, giving rise to fears of prolonged economic suffering and further civil unrest.

Already last month, protesters clashed with police outside parliament in Tehran in three days of demonstrations sparked by the Iranian rial plunging to nearly 90,000 to the dollar. That followed country-wide economic protests in December and January, in which 25 protesters were killed and nearly 5,000 people were arrested.

The currency hit a new low on Monday, closing at 122,000 to the dollar on the thriving black market, rapidly dropping from 116,000 on Sunday and 98,000 on Saturday. The official exchange rate, available only to businesses with import and export licenses, was about 44,000 to the dollar on Monday, down from 35,000 on Jan. 1.

Iranians have already seen their savings dwindle, and shopkeepers are increasingly refusing to sell certain goods, unsure of their true value. Many fear things will only get worse once the sanctions go into effect.

“If the rate keeps going up like this, nobody knows what

is going to happen,” said Tehran resident Rasool Shadi. “I think people should stop buying for a while. If they don't buy something, its price will definitely decrease.”

The government last week replaced the country's central bank governor Valiollah Seif, whose policies have also been blamed for the rial's fall, and eased regulations on bringing foreign currencies into the country to combat black market trading.

It's too early to tell whether those moves will have any significant effect. Under the new leadership, the central bank on Sunday blamed the currency's free fall on “the enemies' conspiracies ... in line with disrupting the economy as well as disturbing people's peace of mind.”

President Donald Trump's administration withdrew from the landmark nuclear accord in May, saying it was too generous to Iran. It has vowed to ramp up sanctions until Iran radically changes its regional policies, including its support for regional militant groups, something the country's leaders have long refused to do.

Tehran-based economist Saeed Leilaz criticized the government for not taking stronger measures, saying it “suffers from horrible inaction and absence of decision making.”

“People's concerns are very reasonable in the existing conditions,” he told The Associated Press. “They are protecting their own interests by converting their rials to foreign currencies or gold coins.”

Fereshteh, a retired civil servant who would not give his last name, fearing repercussions, said he had just bought a medicine he needs, which had gone up in price.

“That's why we are worried,” he said. “If the upcoming sanctions are imposed what is going to happen? I hope everything is fixed.”

The Trump administration began dismantling the sanctions relief that was granted to Iran under the 2015 nuclear deal in June, a month after he announced the United States' unilateral withdrawal from the international accord.

The Treasury Department gave American businesses and U.S.-controlled foreign firms dealing in certain types of trade until Aug. 6 to wind down their operations or face penalties under U.S. sanctions. Another set of licenses covering other types of commerce, including oil purchases, will be revoked in the coming weeks, with firms given until Nov. 4 to end those activities.

The other parties to the agreement—Britain, China, Germany, France, Russia and

the European Union—have been scrambling to try and save the deal, under which Iran was given relief from sanctions in return for curbs on its nuclear program.

Their efforts have been complicated by the American threat to punish companies from other countries that continue to deal with Iran, as the Trump administration steps up its efforts to isolate the country and its faltering economy from international financial and trading systems.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Sunday claimed the U.S. strategy would fail, saying he was “confident we can, over the next few months, show the Americans that they must quit their addiction to sanctions.”

“Europeans should decide whether their businessmen, banks and governments want to pursue European interests or American interests, or in particular Trump's interests,” he said.

Trump has been in a war of words with Iranian leaders, but has also suggested that as the sanctions take effect, he expected them to call and offer to return to the negotiating table.

“We're ready to make a real deal, not the deal that was done by the previous administration, which was a disaster,” he said last week.

Tajikistan: Crash kills 4 tourists

MOSCOW (AP)—Four tourists traveling through Tajikistan on bicycles were killed when a driver allegedly rammed his car into them and joined his passengers in going after the cyclists with knives, U.S. and Tajik officials said Monday.

Authorities in the ex-Soviet republic in Central Asia were considering an extremist plot among the possible motives for the attack, the country's interior minister said.

A Daewoo sedan plowed into a group of seven foreign bicyclists about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of the Tajik capital, Dushanbe, on Sunday, according to local police. The people in the vehicle then “exited the car and stabbed the cyclists with knives,” the U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan said in a statement Monday.

Four of the cyclists died and three others, including a woman from Switzerland, were injured, Tajik officials said.

Two of the victims were American, one was Swiss, and another was from the Netherlands, foreign and Tajik officials said. Tajik President Emomali Rahmon sent the leaders of each country a telegram expressing condolences Monday.

Interior Minister Razon Rakhimzoda told reporters that one of the survivors had knife wounds and police found knives and guns with some of the suspects. He described the car crash as “an

attack,” and said investigators were examining all possibilities, including a road accident, murder and terrorism.

Rakhimzoda said one suspect was killed while resisting arrest, his ministry said two suspects were killed and the U.S. Embassy reported three. The discrepancy could not be immediately explained.

Four suspects have been detained, according to the Interior Ministry.

The State Department issued a statement Monday condemning what it called a “senseless attack” and expressing “deepest condolences” to the families of the people killed. The department said it could not provide more information about the U.S. citizens due to “privacy concerns,” but that U.S. officials were working closely with Tajik authorities.

Swiss Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Silvia Mueller said that while the circumstances of the crash were unclear, the Swiss government's travel advice for Tajikistan notes there is a risk of attacks and poor road travel conditions in the Central Asian country.

“Should it turn out to have been a terrorist act, this would be recorded in the travel advice,” Mueller said.

The State Department encouraged Americans headed abroad to monitor government advisories for updated information on where it is safe to travel.

Good Housekeeping

Kong Junior, a monster coleus of living color for the garden



This mixed container is fancy with foliage from the Kong Junior Rose coleus, Red Flash caladium and Diamond Delight euphorbia.

By **NORMAN WINTER**
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It has five years ago most of us first saw Kong Junior coleuses in trials across the country. We liked what we saw but knew we had to get our hands on it to see what it could really become. Now we can all say it is truly a winner and worth of all those accolades. This is a coleus you can truly design around.

Five years ago, I was partial to the Kong Junior Lime Vein which is a dark magenta with

lime green variegation, and the Kong Junior Green Halo that is a combination of chartreuse with yellow cream in the center. Now it would be hard for me to scratch any off the list.

There are also Kong Junior Scarlet, Kong Junior Rose, and a mix. The leaves of the Kong Junior are about 30 percent smaller when compared to the original Kong series. This will make it so much easier for the grower to ship, for the garden center to display and for you to get home intact.

Here we are in mid-July in Columbus Ga., and as you walk into a store at a favorite shopping center you see Kong Junior Rose head high in a glorious mixed container with Luscious Marmalade lantana and Supertunia Royal Velvet petunia for a dazzling look. This

also tells you they are almost in full sun which is way more than we thought five years ago. Even better there is not the first bloom forming on the coleus.

In the shade garden, you will still have an incredibly beautiful coleus reaching about 2-feet in height with an outward spread to 3-feet. You could not ask for a better garden size. Since we grow coleus for its boldly colored foliage, there is no point in letting them use energy to develop flowers. Pinch these off when they form to help keep a bushier plant and those colorful leaves coming.

One key to success with Kong Junior or any coleus is to add organic matter to your soil. In heavy clay soil, organic matter will improve drainage and aeration, and allow

better root development. Liberal amounts of organic matter help sandy soils hold water and nutrients.

Organic matter, which improves soil and serves as a food source for soil fungi and bacteria, comes in the form of peat moss, compost, shredded bark, leaves and even shredded newspapers. If you have tight heavy clay add enough to physically change the soil structure. Ideally, at least one-third of the final soil mix

should be some type of organic material.

To accomplish this, spread 2 to 4 inches of organic matter and the recommended rate of fertilizer over the garden surface and till to a depth of 6 to 10 inches. My favorite fertilizer for coleus is a 12-6-6. A pre-plant fertilizer followed by light monthly applications will keep the plants growing well.

The Kong Junior coleus varieties allow you to create lush foliage partnerships in the

tropical-style garden as understory plants to tall bananas, and gingers or with colorful impatiens that will look like the Balata Garden in Martinique. Whether the landscape, containers or window boxes the Kong Junior coleus allows your artistic side to shine.

The summer has a lot of hot days left and the Kong Junior coleus selections will let you perk up a tired garden and give it a festive atmosphere. I hope you'll give them a try.



This window box planting seen in Phenix City, AL features Kong Junior Scarlet coleus for a summer of foliage beauty.



Source: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers

This showy wildflower (also known as moccasin flower) belongs to the orchid family. A preparation of its root has been used to treat nervousness, tooth pain, and muscle spasms.

To reproduce, a fungus in the soil must break open the lady slipper's seeds, and pass nutrients to them that they cannot store on their own.

Later, when the plant is older, this same fungus will then extract nutrients from the plant's roots.

— Brenda Weaver

Message of Appreciation

WE, THE FAMILY OF THE LATE

† **Jaime Aguon Sasamoto**

Wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our families, relatives, and friends. We are thankful for your generosity, support, and words of comfort that you all have given us to help us get through this difficult time. Your love and kindness will always be remembered and cherished.

May God Bless us all. Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you

Maria DLG. Sasamoto & Family

Life & Style

Miyako chef wins 'Good Taste Series Competition'

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Sho Shimoto of Miyako Restaurant, the premiere Japanese restaurant of the Hyatt Regency Saipan, bested four other Hyatt chefs in the 2018 Hyatt Regency Saipan "Good Taste Series Competition" last Monday.

The competition, an annual event, highlights the best of the best among Hyatt chefs, where they are able to showcase their culinary expertise at a competitive level.

Shimoto will advance to the semi-finals of the Good Taste Series Competition in Tokyo on Aug. 29, 2018, where he will compete with other chefs from Hyatt hotels in the Asia-Pacific region.

"I am so happy and I will try my best in Tokyo," he said. "This is my second year to join this competition. Last year, I placed second and this year ended up as the overall winner. Hopefully, I get to make it to the number one spot in Tokyo, too."

Shimoto's winning dishes used salmon for appetizers and lamb for the main course.

Nick Nishikawa, general manager of Hyatt Regency Saipan, said this internal competition seeks to motivate the young chefs of the Hyatt chains.

"The chefs who participated this year are young—in their 20's and 30's—and we welcome this because we try to motivate our young chefs to the next level. We always look forward to young chefs stepping up, learning new things and gaining experience through competitions like this," he said.

"It's quite difficult to train the young chefs but Hyatt takes



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Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo congratulates chef de cuisine Sho Shimoto of Miyako after his winning dishes garnered the best scores at the 2018 Taste Good Series Competition held on Monday. Shimoto will go to Tokyo next month to compete with other Hyatt chefs in the Asia-Pacific region



Chef de cuisine Sho Shimoto's main dish at the 2018 Taste Good Series Competition used lamb. BEA CABRERA

the initiative to produce the best [ones]. Food is very important to Hyatt, so the chefs have to

perform well," he added.

Hyatt executive chef Gabriele Colombo is equally proud

of the caliber of the chefs under his guidance. "I am happy to see the five best chefs in Hyatt competing for this exciting event. ...the young guys were willing to learn and get involved," he said.

"Competition is always a good platform to improve a chef's skills, creativity, and to be comfortable in making quick decisions. It is always a healthy and challenging competition," he added.

Ty Pauling, the Food and Beverage director at Hyatt Regency Saipan and one of the competition's judges, said they had a simple judging format to decide on who would represent



Chef de cuisine Sho Shimoto's appetizer entry at the 2018 Taste Good Series Competition uses fresh salmon. BEA CABRERA

Saipan in Tokyo this year.

"Flavor, presentation, and how the chef interacts with the other people who are there judging, watching the competition and how they interact with media because those are communicating opportunities. We also wanted to see how the chefs interact and help each other out and we've seen some good examples of positive interactions," he said.

"We saw nice, well-balanced dishes from the chefs and some interesting plating. They are building colors, textures, and flavors into the dish.

These are very important because it is not just about food; we want our guests to have an overall unique dining experience when they come to the Hyatt," he added.

Other chefs who joined this year's Good Taste competition are chef de cuisine Shawn Lee of Kili Café & Terrace, commis chef Lancaster Secharmidal of Teppanyaki Grill, commis chef Norman Chan of Giovanni's, and chef de partie Jonathan Borja of Kili Café & Terrace.

Huge sea-life sculptures made from ocean's plastic trash

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Huge sculptures of sea life are dotted about New Orleans' aquarium and zoo, all of them made from plastic trash that washed ashore. There's a great white shark made partly of bottle caps and beach toys and a jellyfish made mostly of cut-up water bottles.

The artwork, part of a project called Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, is the creation of Angela Haseltine Pozzi, who started making the pieces after seeing plastic heaped by the waves onto Oregon's southern coast. Pozzi was in the town of Bandon, where her grandparents had lived, mourning her first husband's death.

"I'd known its beaches all my life," she said. "I went to

the ocean to heal and found that the ocean needed healing."

She wants the scale of her creations to make people realize just how much plastic gets into the ocean—and to act on that knowledge. Signs next to each piece suggest simple ways to reduce the problem, such as not using plastic straws, re-using water bottles, and picking up other people's litter.

"Every piece of trash picked up and properly disposed of is a piece that will not cause harm to local environments and animals," states the sign for "Greta the Great White Shark."

Pozzi's aim is art that is "beautiful, and a little horrifying."

An army of volunteers in Oregon—about 10,000 since Pozzi started in 2010—help her

collect, prepare and assemble the beach trash into art. One of their wash-basins for plastic is a bathtub also found on the beach.

She now has more than 70 pieces in three exhibitions currently traveling the U.S., and has requests from overseas. Her work has been displayed at zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens, and she has permanent exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and a gallery in Bandon.

The Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is currently showing six sculptures, while one of a puffin is on display at the Audubon Zoo; more pieces will be added to both locations in October.

In addition to the shark and two jellyfish sculptures, there's

a walk-through whale ribcage made with bucket lids, bottles, buoys and bait traps; a marlin with a beak made of fishing rods; and percussive "Musical Seaweed." That statue's long leaves include metal and plastic bottle caps strung on wires so they rattle when a leaf is hit lightly.

Robert and Lauryn Geosits of Mandeville, Louisiana, were visiting with their three children.

"This is such a great idea for people to visualize just how much trash is in the ocean," said Lauryn Geosits.

Her husband read from a sign while their baby slept in a stroller and Chelsea, 7, and Preston, 8, searched the shark for the items he named: "There's a toy car bumper, bottle caps, beach toys, a lighter ..."

Allegation clouds Bobby Brown's planned violence victims' shelter

ATLANTA (AP)—Singer Bobby Brown plans to build a shelter for domestic violence victims in honor of his late daughter while declining to directly address old allegations that he once hit his ex-wife Whitney Houston.

Brown is developing the not-for-profit Bobbi Kristina Brown Serenity House near Atlanta. The shelter will also offer a 24-hour crisis intervention line and an emergency transitional shelter.

On Monday, he received three proclamations from officials in Atlanta, Fulton County and the City of South Fulton acknowledging his plans.

Bobbi Kristina Brown, 22, was found unresponsive in a bathtub in 2015 and died after six months in a coma.

Her estate sued her boy-

friend, Nick Gordon, for wrongful death, accusing him of assault and other offenses. An attorney for Gordon called the charges baseless, but after Gordon failed to defend himself in the civil case, a judge ruled against him in 2016 and ordered him to pay \$36 million.

Bobbi Kristina Brown's mother, Houston, died in 2012 after she drowned in a bathtub. Coroner's officials ruled Houston's death accidental and said heart disease and cocaine were contributing factors.

Last week, Brown denied to news reporters that his tumultuous marriage with Houston ever turned violent, despite a 2016 interview with ABC's Robin Roberts in which Brown said he once hit her.

Madonna to celebrate 60th birthday with Malawi fundraiser

NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna is celebrating her upcoming 60th birthday with a fundraiser for orphans and children in Malawi.

The singer tells The Associated Press she's teaming with Facebook for the fundraiser, which runs from Monday through August 31. Fans can donate directly to Madonna's Facebook page or start their own fundraiser on the social media site to raise money for the singer's campaign.

The proceeds will benefit her Raising Malawi foundation, and global payments company Ripple said it would match all of the donations.

Madonna will turn 60 on Aug. 16.

"I have an unwavering commitment to providing vulner-



able children with a loving home. For my birthday, I can

think of no better gift than connecting my global family

with this beautiful country and the children who need our help

'Guardians' cast issues open letter in support of James Gunn

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chris Pratt and his fellow "Guardians of the Galaxy" castmates are coming out in support of ousted director James Gunn 10 days after his firing.

In an open letter Monday signed by Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper, Vin Diesel and five other main stars of the franchise, the cast said it fully supports the director and the character he showed both on the set of the first two movies and in the wake of his firing.

Gunn was let go from direct-

ing the third installment of the franchise by The Walt Disney Co. after old tweets resurfaced where he joked about subjects like rape and pedophilia.

The cast says it waited 10 days to issue a statement to "think, pray, listen and discuss." In the interim, various cast members, including Gunn's brother Sean Gunn, have issued individual statements. Fan petitions were also started online to rehire Gunn.

"Each of us looks forward to working with our friend James

again in the future," wrote the cast members, who said they were all shocked by the firing.

Pratt added in an Instagram post that he would, "Personally love to see him reinstated as director of Volume 3."

"Although I don't support James Gunn's inappropriate jokes from years ago, he is a good man," Pratt added.

The letter also discusses the climate that led to Gunn's abrupt firing and the lack of "due process in the court of public opinion."

Gunn's current Twitter ac-

count is heavy on left-leaning politics, and some on the right with whom he'd sparred found and promoted the tweets from 2008 to 2011 that led to his firing.

"James is likely not the last good person to be put on trial," the cast members continued.

"Given the growing political divide in this country, it's safe to say instances like this will continue, although we hope Americans from across the political spectrum can ease up on the character assassination and stop weaponizing mob mentality."

Bob Woodward writing inside account of Trump White House

NEW YORK (AP)—The next writer to take a close look at the Trump presidency: Bob Woodward.

The celebrated journalist of Watergate fame has written "Fear: Trump in the White House," Simon & Schuster

announced Monday. The book is coming out Sept. 11. According to the publisher, Woodward is drawing on "hundreds of hours" of interviews, along with notes, files and diaries to evoke the "harrowing life" within

the White House. Over the past 40 years, Woodward has written best-selling accounts of several administrations. He and fellow Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein teamed up on two classics about President Richard

Nixon, "All the President's Men" and "The Final Days."

"Fear" also renews a Woodward tradition that had been on hold for several years: a book about the sitting president, released during an election year.

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In this July 16, 2018 file photo, U.S. singer Madonna speaks to the press at a news conference in Blantyre, Malawi.

most," Madonna said. "Every dollar raised will go directly to meals, schools, uniforms and health care. I want to come together with my friends, fans and supporters to change the

lives of Malawian children and let them know they are nurtured, protected and loved.

Madonna, who adopted four children from Malawi, founded Raising Malawi in 2006 to address the poverty and hardship endured by Malawi's orphans and vulnerable children. She launched a children's wing at a hospital in Malawi last year.

Mexicans warned against trying highway dancing

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican federal police have issued a video warning people against dancing alongside their cars, saying federal highway law prohibits exiting a moving vehicle.

In the viral "Kiki challenge" based on Drake's latest No. 1, "In My Feelings," people get out of their cars and dance alongside the cars' open doors.

In Mexico's version, people dance to the Tucanes de Tijuana's norteno hit, "La

Chona."

In Mexico, videos have become popular of people falling, failing to get back in their cars, or getting in trouble with authorities.

Federal police commissioner Manelich Castilla tweeted over the weekend that "there are challenges that aren't worth accepting. Getting out of a moving car will never be a good idea."

In Egypt, authorities have threatened to fine or jail people for the practice.

Cosby fighting classification as sexually violent predator

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Bill Cosby's lawyers are challenging the legality of the process under which a Pennsylvania board recommended he be classified as a sexually violent predator.

They also claimed in a court filing last week that the state's recently revised sex offender registry law is unconstitutional and should not be applied retroactively.

The 81-year-old Cosby is due to be sentenced Sept. 24

on three counts of aggravated indecent assault. He was convicted in April of drugging and molesting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia mansion 14 years ago. He plans to appeal.

A judge must decide whether to accept the finding he is a predator.

The designation would require the former TV star to receive sex offender counseling by a state-approved provider at least monthly for the rest of his life.

Family is divided in two by predator in their midst

DEAR ABBY: A number of years ago, it came out that my brother-in-law had raped and molested his two daughters and two granddaughters. It tore our family apart.

Although my sister said she intended to divorce him, she never did. She also didn't report it—so he was never convicted of the crime—but we all, including my sister, knew it was true. Since then, my sister has disowned her daughters, my mother and me. She still interacts with her son and his family.

I know I shouldn't miss my sister, but I do. I know my mom misses her, too. Abby, how can we get past this? Our family was always close, and now this. The grief is killing me.

ANGUISHED IN ARKANSAS

DEAR ANGUISHED: It seems there was a conspiracy of silence in the family. Your sister dealt with her husband's crime by choosing to ignore that he is a sexual predator. That your sister has blamed his victims is beyond the pale. Your nieces and grand-nieces should talk with a licensed mental health professional about this, and so should you and your mother. If you're lucky, the person may be able to offer a group discount.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are in our 50s. We have lived together for two years. He's retired. I work full time.

We have a woman friend (married with kids) he sees almost

daily during the summer at the swimming pool. Every day he says to her, "What time will you be here? I'll be here around 10. See ya then." She brings him food occasionally while they're there. (He hasn't told me, but I know she has.)

Sometimes he can be in a foul mood, and all he wants is to go to the pool to relax. When we go, his eyes search for her and if/when he sees her, they light up and he gets a big smile on his face. When I pointed it out to him, he gave me the silent treatment for a couple of hours. Then he accused me of being jealous.

We are in a committed relationship, but I find this threatening. Was I wrong to say what I did?

GEORGIA GIRL

DEAR GEORGIA GIRL: No, but after he accused you of being jealous, what you should have told him was he was right, and that you wish his eyes would light up that way when he sees you. It appears your guy has developed a crush. If you handle it with humor, it will pass. However, if you don't, you will continue to make him feel defensive—which is counterproductive—so use a light touch.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a first-time writer to your column. I'm mentally disabled, have MD (muscular dystrophy) and am diabetic. I take a lot of medication. When people ask me why I don't work or "Where do you work?" what should I say? When

DEAR ABBY

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I say I don't work and that I'm disabled, they look at me funny and don't believe it. My disabilities aren't visible.

WENDY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WENDY: You are not obligated to disclose your medical history to people you know casually. (If they knew you well, they wouldn't be asking those questions.) All you need to say is, "You know, that's personal. If you'll forgive me for not answering your question, I'll forgive you for asking." Then change the subject.

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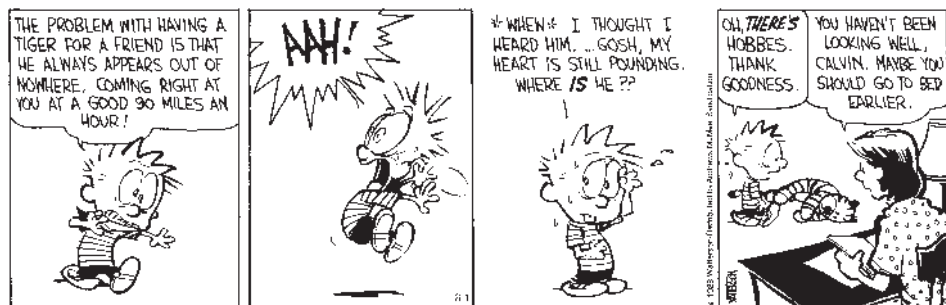
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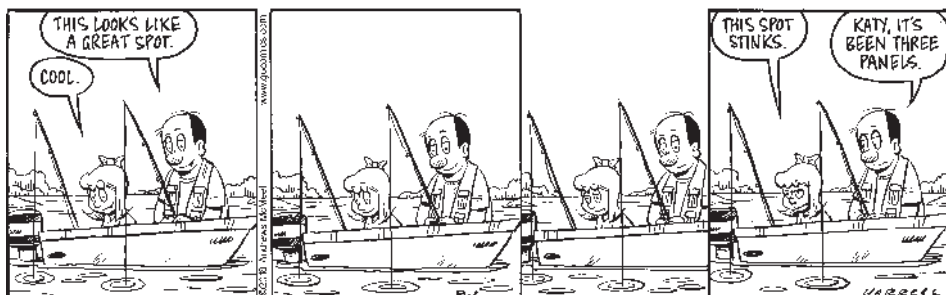


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Yesterday's answer 8-1

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Madison Bumgarner, 29; Jason Momoa, 39; Adam Duritz, 54; Coolio, 55.

Happy Birthday: Look beyond what's right in front of you. Plan to turn this year into one that encourages personal gains. Instead of taking on the impossible or being extravagant, hone your skills and focus on fitness, health, diet and a lifestyle that offers less stress and more choices. Let go of bad habits, and surround yourself with positive people who cheer you on. Your numbers are 9, 13, 21, 29, 33, 41, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your best foot forward. Engage in activities that require skills and imagination. A passionate approach to life and personal matters will help bring you closer to your goal. Collaborate with someone who brings out the best in you. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take on challenges that benefit you. Stay focused on what you can achieve, and align yourself with people who are hardworking and as willing to pitch in as much as you are. Personal improvements will give you the boost you need. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen and gain knowledge from the experts. It will help you fine-tune what you want to accomplish and give you an edge if someone tries to outmaneuver you. Refuse to let emotional issues cloud your vision. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Domestic changes will ease your stress and make your place more inviting. Altering your current living arrangements will turn out better

than expected. Update your image or appearance. Romance will bring you closer to someone you love. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep moving forward. Don't let anyone or anything sidetrack you. An unexpected or unusual proposal will not be as sound an idea as you are led to believe. Don't let your emotions interfere with doing what's in your best interest. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you crave change, make it happen. Put your best effort into incorporating what you want. A change of location or business travel or meetings will help you convince others to see things your way. Take physical action. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust in your ability to persuade others to do things your way. Engage in talks and bolster enthusiasm. Your passionate approach will spark innovative ideas that will make a difference and address any concerns you might have. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Delve into personal projects that will get you back on track physically and encourage you to take better care of your health. Travel and educational pursuits may intrigue you, but the cost involved could put you in a difficult financial situation. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tune in to the people around you and how best to deal with them without being misleading or feeling as though you're forced to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Personal changes at home will make your life easier. *****

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Yesterday's Answer

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your emotions under control, and limit your interactions with people who tend to make a big fuss and expect you to make concessions and fix whatever went wrong. Make personal change that improves your appearance a top priority. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealings with people who have disappointed you in the past should be limited. Spend time with someone you know you can count on. Physical activities will ease stress and encourage better health. Say no to anyone putting pressure on you. *****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for an opportunity to invest in something you enjoy. Developing a skill or creative endeavor will be satisfying. A joint venture will help optimize your chance to get ahead. Romance will encourage personal changes. ***



Birthday Baby: You are engaging, quick-witted and vibrant. You are passionate and proactive. To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit EugeniaLast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

TURNING 21

Solution: 8 letters

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NOTICE is hereby given that the petition of NILO LUMBERTO TAITANO for Letters of Administration and for Transfer of Decedent's Personal Property for the ESTATE OF JOAN LUMBERIO TAITANO was filed in the Commonwealth Superior Court. A hearing has been set for that matter and will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., with Judge Norita Camacho presiding.

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Red Sox win, widen lead against Yankees



BOSTON

(AP)—Blake Swihart doubled into the Red Sox bullpen to score Eduardo Nunez in the 13th inning and Boston beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 on Monday night to move a season-high six games ahead of the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Hector Velazquez (7-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win and Austin Davis (1-1) took the loss after pitching a perfect 12th before allowing Nunez's leadoff single in the next inning. Luis Garcia, the 12th pitcher of the night, struck out Brock Holt but allowed Nunez to steal second.

Swihart lined the first pitch he saw toward the gap and into the bullpen on one hop for his first career walk-off RBI.

The Red Sox have won 19 of their last 23 games and matched their biggest lead in the division of the season. At 75-33, they have the best record in baseball and are 42 games above .500 for the first time since the end of the 1946 season. They have won 19 of their last 21 interleague games.

David Price allowed just one run—in the second when Asdrubal Cabrera led off with a double and scored on Maikel Franco's single off the Green Monster. It stayed 1-0 until the fifth, when Jackie Bradley Jr. singled and Nunez followed with a line drive that center fielder Odubel Herrera came in on, only to watch it sail over his head and to the wall for a triple.

Herrera doubled with two outs in the eighth, and Price walked Franco before Jorge Alfaro hit a sinking liner that right fielder Mookie Betts caught to end the inning.



AP
Boston Red Sox second baseman Brock Holt, left, tags out Philadelphia Phillies' Roman Quinn on a steal attempt during the ninth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, July 30, 2018.

Price and Aaron Nola each went eight full innings but left the 1-1 game without a decision.

Price allowed one run on eight hits and a walk, striking out five. He had won his last five starts at Fenway and his last two overall.

Nola allowed one run on four hits and a walk, striking out six. He has given up five hits or fewer in 16 of his 22 starts but is winless over his last three starts.

Meanwhile, Red Sox acquired Ian Kinsler from the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night, replacing the injured Dustin Pedroia at second base.

Boston will send Triple-A pitchers Ty Buttrey and Williams Jerez to Los Angeles. The Angels and Red Sox will split the remaining \$3,666,667 on Kinsler's \$11 million contract that expires at the end of the season.

Mariners 2, Astros 0

In Seattle, James Paxton excelled in his return from the disabled list, Nelson Cruz had a two-run double in the sixth inning and Seattle beat Houston.

Astros starter Gerrit Cole (10-3) carried a no-hitter into the sixth, but Jean Segura ended it with a two-out infield single. Two batters later, Cruz

lined his double down the left-field line.

Cole was perfect through four innings while locked in a duel with Paxton (9-4), who was making his first start since leaving a July 12 game in Anaheim because of lower back inflammation.

Cole retired the first 12 batters he faced, striking out six, until he hit Cruz with a pitch leading off the fifth. After Segura's single, Denard Span hit a clean single to right-center, and Cruz hit a first-pitch slider inside third base. Segura scored easily, and the ball caromed off the protruding side wall, allowing Span to narrowly beat

catcher Max Stassi's tag after a strong throw by left fielder Marwin Gonzalez.

Twins 5, Indians 4

In Minneapolis, Mitch Garver drove in the winning run with a one-out double in the ninth inning for Minnesota, capping a victory over Cleveland after the Twins traded away reliever Zach Duke and starter Lance Lynn.

Jose Ramirez hit two home runs to match Boston's J.D. Martinez for the most in the majors with 32, but the Indians couldn't hold a 3-2 lead.

Miguel Sano, who hit an RBI single earlier and went 2-for-3 for his first hits in the majors since June 12, drew a walk to start the ninth against Neil Ramirez (0-1).

Braves 5, Marlins 3

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman hit a go-ahead homer in the third inning, Ronald Acuna Jr. also went deep and Atlanta beat Miami.

Brian Anderson's two-run homer off Julio Teheran (8-7) in the first gave Miami a lead Wei-Yin Chen (3-8) couldn't hold. The Braves pulled even in the second when Tyler Flowers walked, moved to third on Johan Camargo's double and scored on Ender Inciarte's fly ball. Camargo scored on Teheran's two-out single up the middle.

Cardinals 5, Rockies 4, 10 innings

In St. Louis, Marcell Ozuna hit his first career game-ending homer in the 10th inning, and St. Louis snapped Colorado's

four-game winning streak.

Ozuna connected against Jake McGee (1-4), sending a one-out drive deep to center for his 13th homer. The slugger also extended his homer streak to three straight games.

Dakota Hudson (1-0) got three outs for his first career win.

Giants 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Gorkys Hernandez hit a go-ahead home run leading off the 12th inning and the San Francisco Giants beat free-falling San Diego.

The Padres had runners on first and third with one out in the 11th and failed to score. Instead, they dropped to 2-8 since the All-Star break and lost for the 13th time in 15 games. San Diego is 5-19 in July.

Will Smith (1-1) came on with runners on second and third and two outs in the 11th and struck out Carlos Asuaje. He then struck out the side in the 12th.

Athletics 10, Blue Jays 1

In Oakland, Edwin Jackson's wife and children had been traveling the country to make sure they didn't miss this milestone moment.

Complete with an extra-large bottle of champagne that wife Erika had ready for the celebration of his 100th victory, too. He accomplished it with his 13th major league team, at last.

Jackson pitched scoreless ball into the sixth for the special win and the Oakland Athletics rediscovered their offense to thump the Toronto Blue Jays.

Yanks acquire Lance Lynn from Twins to boost bullpen

NEW YORK (AP)—Reshaping their pitching staff for the stretch run, the Yankees acquired right-hander Lance Lynn from Minnesota on Monday while dealing Adam Warren to Seattle.

Ahead of Tuesday's deadline for trades without waivers, the Yankees sent first baseman/outfielder Tyler Austin and right-handed pitching prospect Luis Rijo to the Twins for Lynn. Minnesota will give \$2 million to the Yankees to cover half of the \$4 million remaining in Lynn's \$12 million salary.

Already, Lynn was looking forward to returning to Fenway Park, where he got a no-decision Friday in his second career appearance at Boston.

"I've never been to Fenway as Yankee. I think they dislike you even more, so

that should be exciting," he said. "I'm guessing they say a little bit nastier things to Yankees players than they do anybody else."

Lynn becomes the long reliever in place of Warren, who was dealt to the Mariners for \$1.25 million in international signing bonus pool allotment. He joins Luis Cessa as insurance for a starting rotation that includes Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka, CC Sabathia, Sonny Gray and newly acquired J.A. Happ.

"At this time of the year, you've got to do what you've got to do," Lynn said. "For me in my career I've done a lot of things, whether it's out of the bullpen in the playoffs or even the bullpen in my rookie year for a little bit. I've done different things and I still feel like I'm capable of doing that,

whatever it may be."

The 31-year-old Lynn was unsigned throughout the off-season before joining the Twins on March 12. He was 7-8 with a 5.10 ERA in 20 starts, walking 62 and striking out 100 in 102 1/3 innings. His average fastball velocity rose slightly to 94 mph, and he mixes in a sinker and cut fastball along with occasional curveballs and changeups.

"It's the New York Yankees. As a fan of the game growing up, it's exciting for me as a young kid seeing them in their heyday winning a lot of World Series championships," he said. "You look at their team now, they're going for it. I'm excited for that opportunity and that challenge. It's going to be a different experience."

Lynn has bonus provisions

of \$1 million each for 170 and 180 innings but is unlikely to reach those with New York. Lynn can become a free agent after the World Series.

He missed the 2016 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery, then was 11-8 with a 3.43 ERA in 33 starts for St. Louis in 2017.

New York has raised its international bonus pool to \$8,752,600 from an original \$5,002,600, enabling it to sign teenage prospects for what it expects to be a long competitive run—16-year-old Cuban right-hander Osiel Rodriguez was the latest, agreeing Monday to a \$600,000 bonus. The Yankees are \$1,950 shy of their maximum bonus pool, the second straight year they've essentially maxed out on bonus allotment.

LeBron leaves lasting gift, Akron ‘always home’



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James stood on a stage near one of the streets he walked as a troubled kid and looked out at thousands of faces. He felt connected to every one of them.

While his 3-year-old daughter, Zhuri, played at his feet, James watched as his mother, Gloria, raised a flag in front of a school that is perhaps his greatest triumph.

His incredible life. Full circle.

Before leaving for Los Angeles, James gave his hometown quite a gift.

James, who ended his second stint with Cleveland earlier this month by signing with the Los Angeles Lakers, on Monday opened his I Promise School, a year-around learning center devoted to some of the city's most challenged youngsters -- ones just like him.

For James, who recalled missing 82 days of school as a fourth grader while he and his mom “looked for stability,” the opening culminated years of planning by his family foundation.

“This means everything,” James told The Associated Press in an interview before the public event. “I think this is the greatest accomplishment for me because it’s not just me. A championship is for a team, that’s for an organization and a city. But these kids, this is for generation after generation after generation and it’s for these kids, so it means everything.”

It was an emotional day for James, who also made his first comments since signing the \$154 million deal with the Lakers—a move still causing tremors across in the NBA.

James recalled beating the odds of his youth when life was a daily struggle for him and his mom. Nothing was easy as the pair constantly moved and it was only with the help of others than James found structure.

Now, he’s giving kids with the same problems a path.

“There is no way I could have imagined this,” he said. “I remember our foundation having a bike-a-thon, and I



never thought a five-mile bike ride would turn into a school. This is something I’m at a loss of words for.”

As far as basketball, the 33-year-old superstar said the decision to leave Cleveland again was difficult, but he didn’t rule out a second homecoming with the Cavaliers.

“Listen, I don’t close the chapter on anything or close the book on anything,” James said when asked if he would

return to Cleveland to end his career. “But hopefully I can sit there one day and watch my jersey go up into the rafters, that’s for sure.”

When James announced on July 1 that he was leaving the Cavs, Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert, who famously ripped him when he left the first time, said the franchise would retire “the famous (hash)23 Cavs jersey one day down the line.”

James was unaware of Gil-

bert’s pledge.

“I didn’t hear that,” he said. “I haven’t been in the news. That’s awesome.”

James led the Cavs to an NBA title in 2016, ending Cleveland’s 52-year championship drought, and to four straight Finals—a run he admitted he didn’t think was even possible when he returned in 2014 after four seasons in Miami.

James didn’t offer many de-

tails about what prompted him to sign with the Lakers, but the lure of playing for one of the most successful franchises in all of sports was more than intriguing.

“There’s no reason you should become a Laker, become a Yankee, become part of Man U (Manchester United), become part of some franchise or clubs and you don’t think about winning championships or winning at the highest lev-

AP
LeBron James gets a laugh from his mother, Gloria, right, and other officials at the opening ceremony for the I Promise School in Akron, Ohio, Monday, July 30, 2018. The I Promise School is supported by the The LeBron James Family Foundation and is run by the Akron Public Schools.

el,” James said. “That’s what the history is all about.”

James has his work cut out for him in Los Angeles. He’ll join a young team that added some interesting pieces—Lance Stephenson, Rajon Rondo, Michael Beasley and JaVale McGee—during the offseason but a squad that has a long way to go before it can challenge the two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors.

“What my expectations are for the team, we don’t have any right now,” James said. “But we’re definitely going to be better than we were the previous year. I think there’s going to be months where we’re really good, there’s going to be months where we’re not so good and that’s just going to come from familiarity.”

Unlike his previous forays into free agency, James didn’t waste any time making a decision. Once his eighth straight appearance in the Finals ended with a sweep against Golden State, James met with his family and agent before agreeing with the Lakers on the first day.

“I did my due diligence after the season on the pros and cons of a lot of different teams, including the Cavs, including Philadelphia, including Houston and Los Angeles,” James said. “It wasn’t as quick as it may seem. It just wasn’t as July 9 as it was before. After talking to my family more than anybody, I felt this was the next step in my journey.”

This trip will take him thousands of miles from home. But as James reminded students, family and friends in the closing moments of his remarks, he’ll never be far away.

“No matter if I’m playing in Los Angeles or not, Akron Ohio is always home for me,” he told the crowd.

Wade still not saying if he will play 16th season

MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade’s future remains a mystery.

The Miami Heat guard wouldn’t say Monday if he has decided whether to play this season, which would be his 16th in the NBA. His future has been the source of much speculation for several weeks, with retirement a possibility.

“In due time,” Wade said.

“Time will tell.”

Wade briefly addressed the issue while on a call promoting his role as an ambassador for the upcoming Jr. NBA World Championship that starts Aug. 7 in Orlando, Florida.

Wade has become heavily involved in youth basketball in recent years, primarily because of his sponsorship of an AAU team and his son

Zaire’s involvement on elite-level squads.

“This is the purest form of basketball, to be able to be around kids at this age, before it becomes a business,” Wade said.

Heat President Pat Riley said last week the team will be patient while awaiting Wade’s decision, with the hope of an answer by mid-August.

Wade spent his first 13

seasons with Miami, then left for Chicago and eventually Cleveland before he was traded back to the Heat in February. Wade appeared in 26 regular-season and playoff games with Miami after the trade, all off the bench, averaging 12.9 points.

He is averaging 22.5 points for his career, and was part of all three Heat championship teams in 2006, 2012 and 2013.



PARIS (AP)—American Dustin Johnson extended his lead over Justin Rose as world number one on Monday, after easing to victory in the Canadian Open the previous day.

The former US Open champion has now won three PGA Tour titles this year and spent 72 of the last 76 weeks at the top of the world rankings.

The world’s Top 50 will all be in action this week at the 19th and final WGC Bridge-

Dustin Johnson stays on top of rankings

stone Invitational event to be held at Firestone Country Club in Ohio.

The World No.1’s Canadian Open victory meant he goes past Tiger as the US PGA Tour’s most prolific winner of the past 10 years.

The 34-year-old’s 19th US Tour title, a three-shot win at Toronto’s iconic Glen Abbey course, surpassed Woods (18) for the most wins since 2008.

That was the year golf great Woods claimed his last major championship.

“To even be mentioned in the same sentence as Tiger means a lot,” he said.

Johnson’s third victory of 2018 was, like his eight-shot win in Hawaii in January and six-shot win in Tennessee in June, a walk in the park.

As you can see in the video above, he had commentators

searching for superlatives late in his final round when he crushed a pitching wedge 180 yards straight onto the green from the rough.

“That’s not possible,” one commentator said.

Starting Sunday in a four-way tie for the lead and in the final group, Johnson fired a six-under-par 66 and his 23-under total left playing partner Byeong Hun An (69)

and Whee Kim (69) in his wake at 20 under.

Keegan Bradley carded the round of the day, an eight-under 64 which included an eagle two and a birdie-birdie finish, to jump up to lone fourth.

Johnson also became the first golfer since Woods in 2009 to win three or more times in three consecutive seasons on golf’s richest circuit.

Johnson said watching 14-time major winner Woods dominate the sport inspired him to create his own legacy.

“The way (Woods) played for that stretch was just incredible,” Johnson said of Woods’s PGA Tour titles.

“What he has done for the game and the things he has done within the game, no one is really ever going to get to that level. It motivated me and I’ve definitely improved my game in the last few years.”

QB Ryan looks to regain MVP form with Falcons



FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP)—Matt Ryan is eager to regain his MVP form with the Atlanta Falcons.

It sure seems possible with Julio Jones in camp, first-round pick Calvin Ridley ready to make an impact and—perhaps most important—a full season in the books with offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian.

While Ryan put up his seventh straight year with more than 4,000 yards through the air, he didn't come close to matching the best season of his career under previous coordinator Kyle Shanahan.

In 2017, Ryan's yardage dipped significantly (4,944 to 4,095). So did his TDs (38 to 20) and quarterback rating (117.1 to 91.4). His interceptions went up (7 to 12).

Most tellingly, the Falcons went from leading the league in scoring (33.75 points per game) to a middle-of-the-pack 15th position (22.06). Coming off an MVP season, Ryan wasn't even in the conversation for the league's top player.

The slide in production had some people wondering if head coach Dan Quinn would give Sarkisian another chance.

But Quinn was mindful that Shanahan's first season in Atlanta also was a bit of a struggle. He found his groove in 2016, overseeing a dynamic offense that helped carry the Falcons all the way to the Super Bowl and earn Shanahan his first head coaching job with the San Francisco 49ers.

"I've got a lot of confidence," Ryan said of Year 2



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan throws a pass during NFL football training camp in Flowery Branch, Ga., Friday, July 27, 2018.

and will continue to do a great job this year."

Quinn is certainly expecting a more comfortable relationship between Ryan and Sarkisian. For good measure, the Falcons also hired Greg Knapp, a former Atlanta offensive coordinator, to serve as quarterbacks coach.

"Like most relationships, there's probably some situations that you need to go through together," Quinn said. "OK, how did that person respond? How did he get through it? Generally as it goes, the communication improves."

For a while, it looked as though Ryan might have to make do without one of the league's top receivers.

Unhappy with his contract, Jones skipped offseason workouts in Atlanta as well as a mandatory minicamp. But on the eve of training camp, he agreed to report after the Falcons figured out a way to give him a bit more money this season, along with a promise to negotiate a new deal in 2019.

No one was more pleased than Ryan to have No. 11 on the receiving end of his throws.

"He's the best teammate you could ask for," Ryan said. "He's just a great worker and such a good teacher for the young guys, too."

Jones is already spreading his knowledge to Ridley, who is expected to take over the third receiver role filled so ably the past two years by Taylor Gabriel.

Ryan is impressed by what he's seen so far from the rookie.

"He's a talented player who can do a lot of different things," Ryan said. "Certainly through the offseason and through the first couple of days of camp, he showcased his talent level. I kind of see him having a really good year for us and really fitting in with the receiving corps that

we have."

Ryan certainly has no complaints about his contract. He expects to remain with the Falcons for the rest of his career after signing a new five-year, \$150 million deal, the most lucrative in NFL history and the first with \$100 million in guaranteed earnings.

To justify all that money, Ryan is focused on being more efficient in the red zone. Far too many times last season, the Falcons settled for field goals instead of touchdowns after driving inside the 20-yard line.

In the early days of training camp, the team already looks much crisper in those situations.

"A point of emphasis for us is improving in the red area, so we can have more touchdowns than we did last year," Ryan said. "We've got a lot of work to do before the season, but it's a good start."

With Jones, Ridley and Mohammad Sanu catching passes, an offensive line bolstered by the signing of free-agent guard Brandon Fusco, and a dynamic backfield duo of Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman, Ryan certainly has plenty of options at his disposal.

Enough to play like an MVP.

"We've got a really, really scary offense," Freeman said.

Meanwhile, the Falcons agreed to terms with OL Kendall Calhoun, LB Jonathan Celestin and WR Colby Pearson. All three players were undrafted out of college. To make room on the roster, team has waived S Jason Hall, DB Terrance Parks and FB Daniel Marx.

Quinn split up his players Monday's practice, essentially creating two teams roughly the size of a regular-season roster, even putting offensive line coach Chris Morgan and defensive coach Jerome Henderson in charge of the squads.

"We wanted to create some game-like, stressful situations to really evaluate the players in that environment," Quinn said.

with Sarkisian. "Obviously, I think Sark is a lot more comfortable with the personnel,

knowing what guys to use in certain situations. I think that just comes with experience.

We all kind of have a feel for his flavor as well. I think he did a great job for us last year

East won over the West yesterday, 8-6, and will need another victory to rule the U14 age group.

In the U12 division, the East also topped the West after posting a convincing 11-2 win last Monday. The East then shut down the North yesterday, 14-0, to clinch the division championship. The North and West collide today to fight for the runner-up honors in the age group.

In the U16 division, the East and West will square off today for the championship. The East coasted past the North last Monday, 11-3, while the West defeated the latter in similar scores, 11-3.

Malika Miyawaki and Ken Song gave the North the victories. Miyawaki blanked Samoa's Chrystal Christman, 4-0, 4-0, while Song out-classed the latter's compatriot Warren Phillip, 0-4, 4-2, 10-3.

FSM's Anne Skilling handed North the other win after beating Samoa's Luisa Tuasi'i, 4-1, 4-0.

Against the West, Sean Lee won two matches, while Maria Gregoire recorded one. Lee topped Vanuatu's Ware Tigona, 4-2, 4-1, and partnered with Guam's Marshall Zang in sweeping the Solomon Islands' Joel Riju and Junior Micky, 4-1, 4-2. Gregoire prevailed over Fiji's Kajol Chand, 4-1.

ta pitched for the CNMI and together they yielded 10 hits. Yaguel started out for the Asia Pacific winners and was on the mound for 4.2 innings before Norita replaced him. Norita fanned four batters, while Yaguel struck out two.

In other results in the loser's bracket of the international group, Europe-Africa remained in contention after nosing out Australia, 2-1.

In the winner's bracket, Caribbean and Latin American

will duel today with the first finals berth in the group at stake. The loser of this match will take on the winner in the Canada versus Europe-Africa tiff for the second finals ticket in the international bracket. The finals in the group will be played this Saturday (Saipan time) with the winner advancing in the World Series title match against the victor of the U.S. bracket.

Southeast (North Springs of Florida) and East (Naamans

Little League of Wilmington, Delaware) will battle for the first finals berth in the U.S. group today. The loser will then meet the winner of the Central (Southern Little League of Grand Rapids Michigan) versus the host SC District 1 for the last finals ticket in the bracket. Central and SC District 1 are still in the race following the 3-2 and 2-0 wins over West (Central East Maui Little League of Wailuku, Hawaii) and Southwest, respectively.

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and they were defeated by Cornish and Morgan, 5-4 (5), 4-1. The North also lost the other mixed doubles event with Ofati and the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird slipping past Paik and Malakooti, 5-4 (6), 4-0.

The North will have its last game in the team event today when it takes on the East. The

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Canada, represented by Confederation Park Little League from Edmonton, Alberta leaned on the four RBIs and 2-for-3 at bat of Saverio Hackham to ease past the CNMI. Landon Petiot pitched Canada to victory, as he worked the mound in full seven innings, struck out four, and gave up only three hits.

Arby Yaguel and Joel Nori-

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several PH clubs, which according to Mita have shown significant improvement in the past few years.

The head coach added that win or lose, playing against different teams in off-island competitions is a great experience for CNMI national squads as they are able to gauge where they are at as far as their individual skills and team improvement are concerned.

After their pair of matches

today, the Teen Ayuyus will only have one game tomorrow as they take on Makati FC at 10am. Then in the final day of the elimination round (Friday), the CNMI bets will face Don Bosco Cebu at 8am and Chelsea HK at 2pm.

The Top 2 teams after the round-robin play will collide for the championship at 9am this Sunday, while the No. 3 and 4 finishers will square off for the third place trophy at 8am. A Challenge Cup between the last two placers will be played at 7am.

34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament Winners

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10-7 anglers and supporters pose with their grand prize trophy during the awards ceremony for the 34th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament held last month at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.



Bella's Perry Inos Jr. holds the specially-crafted wahoo trophy after winning first place in the wahoo category.



King Fisher anglers and captain pose with their bill fish first place trophy after ruling the marlin category.



O Dear anglers and their supporters are all smiles after getting the runner-up trophy in the marlin division.



Victoria anglers and captain Diego Benavente, front row right, pose with their third place trophy in the marlin category.



Olei anglers receive their runner-up trophy in the yellow fin tuna category.



Event announcer L.J.Castro, far left, introduces the anglers and captain of Olei—the winner in the mahi category.



Sweet Candy anglers and supporters are on stage to get their runner-up trophy and other prizes in the wahoo category.



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Teen Ayuyus play twin matches today

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The CNMI Boys U16 National Team will have a busy schedule in the opening of the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup, as it plays back-to-back games today at the Tuloy XO Field in Alabang, Philippines.

The Teen Ayuyus will debut against Luen Thai Soccer School in the 9am match after the kick-off game between Tuloy and Makati Football Club at 8am. The CNMI players will then return to the artificial turf at the Tuloy sa Don Bosco Foundation in the afternoon for its 2pm duel versus the host. Other matches in the opening day of the inaugural



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ichiro Borja tries to get away from his defender during a scrimmage between the CNMI U16 and men's team pools last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

competition are Don Bosco Technical College Cebu against Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong at 10am

and LSS over MFC at 3pm. Nineteen players will suit up for the CNMI team. Eight of them—Razeff Altamirano,

Taka Borja, Brian Lubao, Jonathan Mindanao, Rintaro Miyawaki, Jason Quimzon, Rinto Takahashi, and Merrick

Toves—arrived in the Philippines from China last weekend after competing in the East Asian Football Federa-



tion U15 Boys Tournament in Xianghe. They were with head coach Michiteru Mita, goal-keeper coach Kwok Kei Poon, and assistant Jerishwin Angeles. Other members of the team— Kirt Andon, Thaiphi Austria, Mark Esalan, Sebastian Manabat, Joshua Mendez, John Michael Rojas, Joshua Waldo, and Richard Waldo Jr. and manager Raymond Zapanta—left Saipan yesterday, while Kaden Church flew in from the U.S., and John Guillen Canape has been in the Philippines for several weeks.

Mita, before joining the CNMI's U15 players in China, told *Saipan Tribune* that the U16 squad is aiming for the championship in the Tuloy XO Cup. However, it will not be easy, as they will go up against a competitive Chelsea team from Hong Kong and

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CNMI bows out in World Series

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The CNMI is out of contention in the World Series following another shutout loss yesterday at the J.B. Red Owens Baseball Complex in Easley, South Carolina.

Canada showed the Commonwealth the door after

cruising to an 8-0 victory in a make-or-break game at the loser's bracket in the international group. After bowing out of the competition, the Asia Pacific champions, who fell to Latin American in their first match (0-7), now have one game left and will face Southwest (Waco



Southern Little League of Waco, Texas) on Aug. 2 (Aug. 3 on Saipan). Canada, on the other hand, will meet Europe-Africa (Emilia Romagna Little League of Bologna, Italy) today for a semis berth in the loser's bracket.

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The CNMI's Kianna Aldan waits for a pitch from Canada during their game in the international bracket of the World Series yesterday at the J.B. Red Owens Baseball Complex in Easley, South Carolina.

Junior players deliver for North Team

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Jimin Woo, Seung Jin Paik, and Hyejin Elliot handed the North Team a pair of wins at the start of the team competition in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships last Monday in Fiji.

Woo and Paik won the first doubles match in the U14 division between the North and West squads as they swept Vanuatu's Noah Molbaleh and New Caledonia's Tiago Lopez, 4-1, 4-2. Elliot, on the other hand, played in the last singles game and outlasted Fiji's Charlotte Nicolaus, 5-4 (14), 2-4, 10-7.

The CNMI-dominated North Team fell to the West, 3-11. Guam's Kaia Malakooti gave the North the other

win in the girls singles play after prevailing over Vanuatu's Naomi Sipiti, 5-3, 4-1.

In the men's singles, Woo and Paik also saw action in the girls singles with the former losing to Storm Cornish of Fiji, 4-2, 3-5, 11-9, and the latter bowing to Maka Ofati, also from Fiji, 0-4, 0-4.

Coume Kaga was the other CNMI U14 player that competed in both the singles and



doubles events. The Solomon Islands' Zorika Morgan topped Kaga in the singles match, 4-1, 5-3, and then paired with compatriot Hannah Wright in downing the CNMI player and the Federated States of Micronesia's Ridi-anne Wolphagen, 4-0, 4-1.

In the mixed doubles, Coume partnered with Woo

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Sean Lee, seen here making a return during a local tournament, won both his singles and doubles matches against the West in the team competition in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday in Fiji.